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CHAPTER VIII.

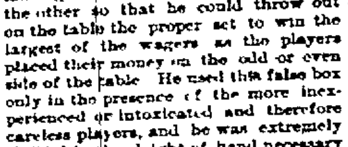
THE TOSS OF THE DICE.

Chalpa's success in entangling Kulcan in his snares was not wholly the result of a well laid scheme. It was largely due to circumstances. The young priest's suddenly developed taste for gambling was simply the foundation upon which Chalpa based his villainous plot, and he succeeded beyond his expectations when he induced Kulcan to wager his sister. Chalpa did not love her; he was probably incapable of the pure passion. He wanted her merely because he felt that she would strengthen his claim to the vacant chair of office.

Many of the priests and wealthy citizens frequented his rooms, which were large and comfortable, and were rendered attractive by a liberal dispensation of aitzl. The game which was played was but one of many ancient forms of dice throwing.

The players sat on the floor around a square stone tablet and made wagers upon the odd or even numbers on the dice as they fell out of an oblong box upon the table. The dicebox had a round opening at each end, and was balanced upon the apex of a prism shaped piece of wood. This permitted the manipulator, Chalpa, to throw the dice out of either end, as he wished. The dice were small cubes of baked clay, numbered like modern dice, and the game when played fairly was one of even chances. But, as Gilbert suspected, Chalpa did not play fairly, and his device, a simple, almost clumsy one, would have been easily detected in a gambling room in any civilized community.

When he wished to cheat he substituted for the box another, with a partition dividing it diagonally into two parts, thus



There was a set of eleven dice in each compartment, the odd numbers predominating in one side and the even ones in the other so that he could throw out on the table the proper set to win the largest of the wagers as the players placed their money on the odd or even side of the table. He used this false box only in the presence of the more inexperienced or intoxicated and therefore careless players, and he was extremely skillful in the sleight of hand necessary to secrete it quickly under his long white robe.

Kulcan, however, even after he suspected him of cheating, was unable to detect him in the act, for he imagined that he deftly changed the dice instead of the box, and so when he reported to Eric after watching Chalpa awhile, he confessed that he had been mistaken and was unable to explain the operation.

The next day Eric informed Iklapel that he required a thousand taos of silver and asked him to obtain it for him from the subterranean treasury. The old man readily consented and requesting Gilbert to accompany him led the way to the room beneath the temple.

The treasure vault of Atzlan.

He allowed Gilbert but a moment to look about him, and went down a steeply inclined and devious passage which, from its many side openings, showed that there was a labyrinth beneath the city, and which ended in a round chamber, the treasure vault of Atzlan. It was a room fifty feet wide, hewn out of the solid rock. Iklapel held the light aloft, and Eric saw that the floor was covered with heaps of gold ingots, statues and images, vases, bowls and rude ornaments, strange in form and of inestimable value, piled together in rich confusion.

Some of the statues were of life size, beautifully modeled, and there were mysteriously shaped objects of ancient ceremonial use, chairs, or rather stools, tables, tripods, urns, platters, cups, braziers, censers, chains, suns, moons, stars, flower work, armlets and anklets, all of solid, heavy material and skillful workmanship.

Along the side of the chamber were ranged three rows of urns filled with gold dust, a kingly store of itself, that equaled the wildest fantasy of the Arabian story teller and made Eric almost fear that he was dreaming. Among all these treasures Iklapel picked his way, and Gilbert followed him until the old man paused before a heap of silver bars and lifting several passed them to him, saying:

"Six of these are all that you require. They are worth a thousand taos and more, but we need not be particular. It is years since these things were touched. We do not have as much need of them as we once had, it seems."

"How long have these treasures been accumulating?" inquired Eric.

"Many thousands of years. In the ancient times we had twenty temples, and these statues adorned them; the utensils and furniture were used in them, and the people yearly brought new and rare gifts; but as our race declined they were gathered here, and here they have remained."

"But are they safe here, with no guard?"

"Very safe, indeed, for no one knows except ourselves of their existence or of this chamber. Of course our people know of the maze of underground passages, but they fear to penetrate them, and the passage leading to this room is well concealed, as you observed. But we will return with our burden before it grows late." And the aged priest moved up the dark way with the light, while Gilbert carried the silver ingots.

It was no mean load; they weighed many pounds, and his arms ached when they reached the sacred chamber and climbed up into daylight.

That night Eric went with Kulcan to Chalpa's dwelling for the first and only time, taking the silver with him. They arrived late, and as they entered heard loud and boisterous voices in eager clamor. There were four half drunken priests squatting around the tablet of stone eagerly watching the tilting of the dicebox. Their uproar drowned any noise that Kulcan and Gilbert's entrance had made, and Chalpa, with his back toward the door, did not perceive them as he sat waiting for the bets to be made, a sneering smile upon his face and his hand over the end of the box. He started as Kulcan seated himself at his side, saying.

"Chalpa, I have come with the thousand taos to once more, and for the last time, test my luck and yours. Remember the agreement—all my losings and my sister against a thousand taos."

Chalpa turned pale, stole a scared glance at Eric and faltered. He found himself in a difficult position. He feared Eric most mightily and felt that his methods were suspected if not known to him, but he dared not hesitate, and in a moment he had resolved to allow Kulcan to regain his wealth, or seem to at least, by the same device whereby he had lost it. He smiled and said, with well assumed heartiness:

"It is well, my Kulcan. I wished to give you an opportunity to recover, if possible, what you had lost. It is a fair bargain."

"Then I wager you now on the odd dice five hundred taos against my sister!" cried Kulcan, placing three ingots on the tablet. A couple of other players laid wagers also upon the odd side, and Chalpa tilted the box.

One glance showed that Kulcan had won. Chalpa's face was serene, however, as he replaced the dice, and the young priest again wagered five hundred taos against his lost property. He tilted the box and shot the dice out upon the tablet once more, and Kulcan won again. He had freed his sister and regained his estates, and now for revenge! With a look full of meaning into Chalpa's cruel eyes he cried:

"Once more, five hundred against five hundred taos on the even numbers!"

Chalpa did not dare refuse nor did he dare cheat, yet five hundred taos was an immense sum for him, successful though he had been in his operations. He felt Gilbert's keen searching gaze upon him, and he feared to look up. His nervous fingers shook the box and the dice rattled.

"Come," cried Kulcan. "You do not fear the test now. You have taken the same wager before from me!"

"I fear nothing," the gambler answered. "I take the bet."

The other players also placed smaller sums upon the board upon the even side, and the trickster tipped the box. The eleven clay cubes rolled across the stone with a clinking rattle and the eager eyes counted quickly. Kulcan had again won. Chalpa had lost the fruits of several years of swindling and usury.

Gilbert had seen that the odd dice had come from the left and the even ones from the right end of the dicebox and formed his conclusions, but he refrained from announcing his discovery, or rather his suspicions, and when Chalpa had made over to Kulcan the sum of his winnings they withdrew followed by the other players, who were delighted with Kulcan's good fortune.

Chalpa, on being left alone, threw himself upon the floor in a savage frenzy of rage and despair, and then and there resolved to kill not only Kulcan and Gilbert, but old Iklapel, for he knew the secret of the treasure vault and surmised how the silver had been obtained. Although he would have feared to touch it himself he realized that Iklapel would give it willingly to Eric for any purpose and he saw all of his hopes and plans vanish into air with a heart so full of bitter hate that he could not rest, but wandered in the canyon until nearly dawn. When he came home he had perfected a scheme of revenge diabolical in its ingenuity and hellish in its completeness, to which, from that day forth, he devoted all his thoughts and his tireless, sleepless, unresting energies.

But Gilbert did not suspect this feeling, although he observed that Chalpa was endeavoring to gain his liking by a careful attention, but he suspected some purpose much less serious. However, he did not allow it to disturb him, and his thoughts at this time were too full of work and plans to admit of much else.

More than a year and a half had passed since his arrival, and in the last few months he had done much work. He had thrown a strong dam across the stream, built a stone mill, made the machinery for it in the old German method of wood and silver, and was almost ready to turn the water into the sluiceway upon the silent wheel. But a few details remained to perfect the mechanism and astonish the Atzlans by the sight of the river grinding their corn. He had established the knowledge and art of glazing pottery, the making of candles, he had improved the looms and added modern devices, perfected their stills, taught them how to preserve fruits, smoke their meats, and in a hundred other ways effected great changes and found the people eager to adopt labor saving methods.

But he wished to make still greater changes. He had found in some of the strata of the canyon walls iron in great plenty, and he was so constantly hampered by the need of this indispensable metal that he had begun the erection of a furnace and ordered the extraction of a large amount of ore. The supervising of these operations completely filled his days with arduous labor. He had commenced his furnace with modest ideas, intending to smelt his iron in the crude manner which Livingstone found the natives using in Central Africa—in simple conical clay furnaces with rude bellows, but producing iron of such a superior quality that the savages refused to use the English metal, alleging that it was rotten. But his ideas had expanded, and he had erected a stone structure with a complicated blasting apparatus that filled him with great hopes as he watched it nearing completion and made him eager as a boy to see it in full and perfect operation.

Lela would come to him and find him so occupied and intent upon his duties that sometimes he feared she would think him cold and neglectful, and she so tenderly fearful of disturbing or annoying him that the feeling showed in her face as she hovered about him. At these times he would look into her eyes with such deep, earnest devotion that she would creep up to him, wind her arms about his neck, with ardently worshiping eyes and clinging kisses, for a few moments and then say demurely: "Oh, I must not bother my darling. He is so busy, my great minded hero," and make a motion as if to leave. Then they would waste a half hour more in loving dalliance, when she would suddenly assume an air of stern displeasure and bid him to go to work while she attended to her duties.

These moments came often, too, during the summer days, when only his assistants in all Atzlan were busy and at work, and they made the hours of self imposed toil shorter and pleasanter.

She took the fondest interest in everything he did, and she had, too, many plans of her own for the education and advancement of her sex in Atzlan, which were the outcome of her love and the knowledge obtained from Eric. Her aptitude for learning amazed him at times; it seemed so phenomenal in one whose life had been passed in such an environment. But in truth the Atzlan mind was in some such state as was the pagan world at the time of Christ. Like children the Atzlans listened, believing all that they heard, and desirous to emulate the people who had learned so much they watched all of Gilbert's enterprises with a vague wonder and huge expectancy.

Upon the day that Gilbert was to start the machinery of the mill the entire populace gathered at the riverside. In all the vast crowd standing there waiting there was not one incredulous observer, not one skeptical doubter of the success of the project, as there would have been in any other city on earth perhaps, but every man felt confident that its success was assured. They were there not to test nor criticise, but to see the triumphant beginning of a new era.

Gilbert did not feel the usual tremors of the inventor thrill his frame before this audience, for he knew that if the machinery failed to respond to the water's power the people would not be disappointed or doubtful, their ignorance of mechanics assured that, and any explanation would have sufficed them. But to make it certain he had tested it the evening before and knew that everything would work to his satisfaction, and he mounted the stone steps leading to the sluiceway with a confident smile accompanied by Lela, Iklapel, Kulcan and several of the principal citizens. Standing there beside the water gate, with his hand upon the long wooden bar which raised it, he turned to the multitude of upturned faces and said:

"My brothers, when I lift this gate you will begin to live in a new age. The past will be no longer with you. It will do in one day more than all your women and they will rest and teach your children. We will make the river weave our cloth and water our fields and do other things for us in times to come. In the land from whence I come the elements are bound to our service and they toil for us night and day. And so they shall toil for you, for we shall go on and on until we have here in our city all that other lands have to make life pleasant and toil less arduous."

Then Iklapel stepped forward, and after waiting for the noisy outcry to subside spoke to them. He said:

"Our brother is right. He has told me many things of the fair land he lived in before he came to us. In that land there is no night, for they turn it into day with many suns and moons which they have made for themselves. They have made great monsters that work for them unceasingly, they can speak to each other afar off, even when they cannot see one another, they make wood and gold and silver talk, they walk upon the water and under it, and they fly through the air like birds, they kill their enemies with their eyes and with thunder. We are glad that our brother has come to us. He is Quetzal, the long awaited, the restorer of Atzlan."

This speech of the aged high priest was greeted with tumultuous applause, but Kulcan's sharp eyes detected around Chalpa a group whose silence and peculiar looks denoted that there was some feeling among a few inimical to Gilbert and his ideas. He noted it with a mental resolve to investigate its meaning, but it passed from his mind a moment later as Gilbert raised the gate and the water rushed down the sluiceway and poured over the wheel.

For an instant it seemed to resist, as though the long ages of superstition, barbarism and ignorance were loath to relax their dead grasp and then it slowly turned with a majestic motion and began to revolve easily and gracefully under the steady flow. Gilbert ran into the mill while the people stood in silent awe outside and he saw the yellow grain pour out upon the stones, and in a few moments the meal, rich and tempting, appeared and he called them all with a glad, triumphant shout to come and see it. They crowded in with rather timorous looks and gazed wonderingly upon the moving wheels and the golden meal pouring into the bins in steady streams, and they voiced their thanks most heartily. It was a touching sight indeed to Eric and to Lela, for it meant so much to them, with their minds filled, as they were, with plans for the good of the people of Atzlan.

That night they feasted, a merry gathering and the principal viand was bread and cakes made from the new meal. It was delicious, perfect, and for a long time it was regarded by the people as almost sacred, but the steady outpour from the mill soon familiarized them with the product of its machinery, and as it entirely abolished the use of the laborious mortars and grinding stones it made the lives of the women less toilsome. This made him more of a favorite than ever among the women, and old Bari, the wife of Listah, idolized him. She came with her grain to the mill frequently and praised Eric's good deeds to the men in charge until they tired of her garrulity.

Listah had disappeared and secluded himself in order to fast, pray and become "epsu," or purified, by isolation from mankind, but where he had gone was a mystery that perplexed these two young men. Bari used enough meal for two, and they believed she was supplying her husband with food, yet they could not detect her taking it to him. It was the custom to tempt, annoy and disturb any "epsu" seeker in order to test his strength, and they desired to discover his whereabouts, but they failed, for garrulous as she was she could hold her tongue when she wished.

It was while they were plying her with vexatious questioning that they were overheard by Gilbert, who was surprised to find that Listah had taken up his vow as soon as he had laid away his crutches, and drawing the old woman aside he asked her to tell him where her husband was hiding, promising to keep her secret carefully. Bari looked at him with a knowing smile and replied:

"Quetzal knows full well where his servant Listah hides, waiting for the day that is to come when he will be needed. Why ask me, the old woman, when he knows his servant is under his feet, down in the dark halls beneath us, becoming purified and perfect? I take food to him from your mill every night, but he has not seen the sun for many days."

From this Eric readily divined that old Listah had taken refuge in the underground passages that were so generally avoided by the people. He wondered if Iklapel was aware of the priest's retreat, but he came to the conclusion that Listah had probably discovered some opening in one of the remote passages and remained near his base of daily supplies. He had certainly chosen a most secluded place to perform his vows, and he hoped he would be undisturbed.

I have said that Eric and his assistants were the only active workers in Atzlan during the long summer days. Every hour had its duties, and his labors kept him awake far into the night. He was compiling an Atzlan dictionary, studying the ancient records, making a collection of the fauna and flora of the canyon, making sketches of the people and their costumes, with notes upon their habits and customs; teaching Lela and Eltza the English language and the art of reading and writing during intervals in his regular occupations of furnace building, mining, milling and curing the few ills of a generally healthy populace.

He wore the Atzlan costume, for his own clothes had long ago become rags, and he felt himself as thorough an Atzlan as any man in the city, and when he saw the autumn come again and the harvest feasts were held he felt all the joy of a native. The people were more lively; they held games and weird dances every day, which interested him intensely in their esoteric significance, and the prospect was very satisfactory to him and to Lela and Iklapel. That his coming had been of immense benefit to the people he could see, and he felt a swelling of pride at the fact which was only quelled by the thought of what he could have accomplished with better facilities. He felt no desire to return to civilized life, he was willing to devote several years to the work of converting this city of the stone age into a modern borough with all its improvements. With iron as his servant everything was possible, and in a few days iron would be forthcoming. Then for machinery, steam, electricity!

Meanwhile he had accomplished wonders. Hundreds of labor saving devices benefited the city, candles, soap, glazed pottery, spinning wheels, improved looms, beer, yeast, pulley hoists and many other valuable fruits of civilization had been introduced. While he was finishing his furnace he had made molds for casting plowshares, harrows, anvils, grates, axes, hammers and other implements of cast steel, and he viewed the outlook with supreme satisfaction. His iron works were some distance from the city—down in the canyon—where he had discovered the remains of ancient smelting furnaces forgotten long ages since and almost buried in the debris of the shaly cliffs. Remains like these have since been discovered in other parts of the region and show the facilities which the prehistoric races possessed for smelting and casting ores. The Atzlans had traditions only of the times when their forefathers mined and worked their ores. He had built as nearly perfect a Bessemer furnace as he could with his materials, and it promised great results.

He had erected a stone dwelling for himself outside the city walls in a wooded spot facing the river. On the approach of autumn he moved into it with all his belongings. It had three rooms, with modern fireplaces, and windows with glass of a poor quality, but a home product. The walls were hung with the great, gorgeously colored Atzlan blankets, and furs covered the antique pavement of the floor—a treasure rifled from an old portion of the city.

Iklapel had long before assigned to him a body servant named Jan-ila, a dark, active lad of twenty, Ainee's only brother, who cared for his wants with pious zeal. Jan-ila—or "Johnnie," as Eric was fond of calling him—slept in one of the smaller rooms, his master in another, while the larger apartment served as a general office, dining and council room. Jan was so apt a pupil that he outstripped both Kulcan and Iklapel in his knowledge of mechanics, arts and language under Eric's tuition, and of modern ideas he was a most eager imbiber.

All of Gilbert's reforms and improvements had been accomplished without in any manner usurping the functions which Iklapel exercised pending the election of a new governor. He had almost entirely left his priestly duties to Kulcan, who performed them with a laxity born of increasing distrust of the efficacy of the religion of his fathers. This the crafty Chalpa had observed, and he used it as a pretext for fomenting the fears of the priests. He painted in strong fervid colors, and with potent logic the decay of their ancient faith, the downfall of priestcraft and the loss of their fat livings. He so wrought upon their fears at every opportunity by these forceful pleas that he had already formed a fairly strong following.

Familiarity with Eric had lessened their awe while it had increased their admiration of him. They were already willing to abandon their belief in his divinity, and were beginning to realize that instead of a being from another world he was a man like themselves. The events which now occurred aided Chalpa's plans and strengthened his position as a candidate for the governorship. Both Iklapel and Kulcan were aware of a growing feeling among the priests in favor of Chalpa's candidacy, but they did not believe that he could gain adherents enough to affect the result of the election, which was to occur in the early spring, a week before the feast of the Katun. Eric and Iklapel had determined to divest this feast of its horrible, sacrificial, murderous character, and the old priest's powers were all bent in this direction while he left the electioneering to Kulcan.

All of the younger priests could be counted upon to favor his advanced views, but only a few of the elder could be expected to depart from a time honored and powerfully potent religious custom. While only a few of them had witnessed the last Katun feast, fifty-two years before, yet the barbaric rite had many firm adherents. The subject had been approached at great tribal meetings in the circular estufas, but it had been handled so carefully that even Iklapel could form no opinion of the strength of the new movement.

The blast furnaces had proved successful, men were even now grinding the new axes to an edge with intense eagerness and satisfaction, and every one of Eric's castings had turned out perfect, much to his delight. It was midwinter before they were finished, and his assistants had worked indoors and converted one part of the great tenement into a huge factory, where the crash of hammers upon anvils filled the air with a cheerful din, and the great, dim room, with its cobwebbed rafters black with the smoke of ages, was peopled with grimy figures hurrying here and there in the glare of the forges. Inquisitive, curious Atzlans crowded about the doors, wrapped in their blankets and furs, and cheered their fellow citizens, who worked not for wages, but for the benefit of their kind, under the tutelage of the strange visitant from the skies. Great things were prophesied for Atzlan in the coming spring by the gossips of the city.

One cold night Eric sat at his rude table, while Jan-ila lay stretched on a pile of furs before the fire, with his back to it, like a lean dog, when Iklapel entered the door. The old priest was enveloped in a colored blanket, and as he removed his fur head covering and seated himself upon one of the benches by the wall he said:

"The geese fly fast and thick to the north. The spring will come early."

"It will be welcome," replied Eric.

"Aye, and by none more joyfully than me," answered Iklapel.

"Yet it will be stormy," spoke up Jan-ila; "more stormy than ever spring was before in Atzlan."

"How do you know that?" asked Eric, with a gentle smile. "Where did you gain your weather wisdom?"

"I have heard much," he answered, sitting up, "and I have held my tongue because it is not meet that a boy should speak before his father, but I know that Chalpa fears that there will be no Katun, and he talks daily to the priests and sometimes to others as well. He is plotting mischief, for he walks abroad at night, wolf that he is. Ah, he distrusts me, and yet Jan-ila, the water rat, has crept near enough many and many a time to hear his words of hate and treachery! I remember the look his face wore on the day you saved my sister, and I know he hates and fears our Quetzal. Why I know not, except that he hates all things good and loves darkness.

"Today as I was hunting along the cliffs I heard voices, and walking softly in the light snow I came close to one of the old homes up there where no one dwells. The voices were within, loud and angry. I heard Chalpa speak. He said that unless we had a sacrifice we could hold no Katun feast; that he who opposed the Katun sacrifice was a foe to Atzlan and should die. Then there was disputing, but he silenced it and declared that the new governor must be of the old religion—a believer in the death gift and all old rites. He claimed that he had many votes among the people and the priests and could be elected, but the people must be stirred up to proclaim their desire for a great, glorious Katun, with a beautiful victim.

"Oh, his words made my flesh creep and my blood to boil. I longed for Quetzal's thunder death that kills afar off, but I held my peace and crept behind the rocks, for they began to come forth. There were twenty in there. Agzal, Bela, Quastit, Rakki-pisk, Bart-kl-ai and Geia, the hunchback, were among them—the oldest of our fathers—and they silently went down in the twilight like murderers."

Upon closer questioning Jan-ila, whose memory was very remarkable, repeated the debate verbatim, and it was serious enough to cause Iklapel and Eric to look grave and anxious.

"What can we do?" the latter inquired.

Old Iklapel gazed into the fire for several minutes, then answered:

"I am in doubt, my brother. It is too soon to announce our plans or proclaim our views to the people. They are not ready yet. But Chalpa is gaining ground, I can see that, and he can cause us much trouble. I know not what to do."

"Kill him!" cried Jan-ila, looking at Eric. "Kill him as you did the snake and the great beast in the woods! Then he will no longer trouble you."

In the midst of his speech Jan-ila started and sprang noiselessly to the door. He peered up and down, across the moonlit space between the house and the river, and turning to those within whispered:

"I heard a sound. Some one was listening at the door."

As he spoke Eric saw a shadow pass the window on the other side. Iklapel had heard nothing, but Jan-ila was convinced that some one had been spying, and that one he believed to be Chalpa himself. Iklapel soon rose to go, saying:

"It is near to midnight, and old men need more sleep than young ones."

And wrapping his blanket tightly about him started forth, declining Jan-ila's offer of his company.

CHAPTER IX.

IN CHALPA'S HANDS.

Here they released it with a toss into the air.

Now Iklapel and Kulcan had conceived a plan which delighted them both beyond measure, and their thoughts ran in this wise: Instead of a Katun feast of horrors, bloody sacrifices and dread sights that brutalized the people and made them cruel and hard hearted, they would have a marriage feast! And the bridegroom would be the wonder worker, Quetzal, and the bride Lela, the daughter of Atzlan. The audacity of this scheme staggered them at first, but they grew familiar with the thought as they pondered it, and were pleased with themselves mightily. But it was a long time before they approached Eric upon the subject.

When they did they were fortified with many grave reasons and convincing arguments with which to overcome all possible objections, but to their surprise he fell in with their views at once. But he said:

"Not I, but Lela, must decide the question, my friends. Let us go to her and ask her now."

They went to her apartment, and as they entered she perceived that they had come upon some more than ordinary errand. She paled as she gazed upon their serious faces, and looked from one to another with questioning glances.

Taking her hand Eric spoke:

"My Lela, Iklapel and Kulcan have discovered, I know not how, that we love one another, and they wish to have, instead of a human sacrifice at the feast of the Katun, a marriage feast, to make it a day of gladness and rejoicing, and they have chosen us as the victims. I have left the decision to you."

She hid her face upon his shoulder, and they had no other answer. In fact when she raised her head they had both departed and gone about their business.

In the midst of his happiness Eric was seized with a feeling of insecurity, a foreboding of evil, which was in truth the prelude to a period of illness. After battling with it for awhile he resolved to avail himself of the only means of reaching the outside world by releasing his long captive carrier pigeon. Many a time its soft eyes had petitioned for freedom, many a time he had almost [illegible] the wicker cage, but had stayed [illegible] the [illegible] hour of death [illegible] seemed to him that the time had now arrived.

He wrote the message upon a piece of squirrel skin, the parchment of the priests, and fastened it to the pigeon's tail. The bird looked bright and [illegible] it seemed eager to be off [illegible] him with the [illegible] glad to free the prisoner. Lela took it from his hands, [illegible] and covering it with her [illegible] carried it up to the temple [illegible] where no one would observe them. Here they released it with a toss into the air.

Straight as an arrow in its flight, for five hundred feet it darted up, then began to circle in ever widening sweeps, faster and faster, ever higher, ever stronger as its wings gained power, until at last, high in the firmament, it passed beyond their vision, and the canyon wall shut it out. They stood silently watching until it had gone from view; then Eric said with a sigh of satisfaction:

"He's well off! [illegible] no hawk seizes him, nor hunter [illegible] him, he will be in San Francisco in a few days."

"And then?" [illegible]

"Then? Well, [illegible] in a few [illegible] days perhaps you will see other men of my kind, many of them, maybe—and maybe, too, you will find some one far more to your liking." He looked slyly at her, but she scorned to reply. She was so sure there was no man like him in all the wide world that she could smile at the very thought.

That night in her dreams she followed the bird in his flight over the desert and the mountains, and it seemed that it was in sight of a fair city, but suddenly a hawk with the face of Chalpa swooped down and struck it to the earth, then devoured it at his leisure. She awakened with a shudder, glad to find it but a dream. She did not tell it to Eric, for she was superstitious and feared it would trouble him.

The very next day the council of the Katun was called. Its duty was to select a victim and arrange for the great feast. It was composed of twelve priests, the office being hereditary, the only hereditary office in Atzlan. Some of them were old, but the majority were men under thirty. Chalpa was the chief of this council and one of the three who cast the fatal lot to decide which of the twenty maidens selected by the council should die.

The council was in secret session eighteen days; no one knew its decision, not even the high priest, and the result of its deliberations would not be known until a week before the feast. This would be the week of the election, and the public mind was in a ferment; all pursuits were neglected, and the people spent their time discussing these two topics from morn until night. Chalpa was seen everywhere, using all the arts of the politician; the priests were busy at all hours; the maidens, with fearful eyes and blanched cheeks, wept and wove shrouds for themselves, for no one knew who would be taken.

In the midst of all Eric became ill from overwork and lay for ten days in a delirious fever, tenderly nursed by Lela and Jan-ila, but unconscious of their presence. She rarely left his bedside, administering to him the medicines he had placed at his side—as he had instructed her when he felt the fever gaining upon him—and giving him the food that Jan-ila prepared; hanging over him in tender brooding when he slept, or standing at his side in terrified agony when he raved in his delirium—talking to those demons whom he saw, she thought, menacing his life.

Her sweet face was the first he saw when the fever left him, and he opened his eyes with speculation and reason in them. He lay there looking at her for awhile. She sat at the foot of his couch, and the morning light was gleaming in her golden hair. He saw that she was pale and wan with anxious watching, and her eyes, that looked so mournfully out over the meadow, had dark blue shadows under them. She sighed as a breath of scented air came, full of spring's promises, in at the open window, and turned to find his dark eyes with love's gentle gleam in them fastened upon her face. She gave a little start and then came to kneel beside him and take his hand. She was not yet certain that this was not a new phase of the fever, but he turned his face to her as he pressed her hand and said:

"Dear heart, how long have I been ill?"

"Oh, so long, so long, my own—ten long, dreadful days—and I feared that I should lose you! But you will get well, sweetheart. You will not leave your poor Lela?"

"No, dear, I will not leave you. I shall recover fast now, I think, and you—my own—you look so pale and tired! Go and rest and get some color in those white cheeks."

She laid her head on the pillow beside him and looked deep into his eyes. After awhile her own lids drooped, and in a moment she slept, with a contented smile upon her lips. The blue veins in her forehead made her skin look like purest marble as she lay there. Her sweet breath fanned his cheeks as he gazed upon her, fair and childlike, yet a woman in the full bloom of her rare beauty—perfect—the very dream of an artist or poet.

When he left his bed and could walk to his window and look forth, lo! the spring had stolen upon the canyon suddenly and sweetly! The sight of green meadows, the blossoming trees, the snipe darting in zigzag flights across; the long, easy swing of the swallows as they skimmed the water, sent the blood coursing through his veins, and he felt his strength returning in a rush. But he had been near to death's door, and the fact was known to the people of Atzlan. It strengthened Chalpa's position immensely.

"This is no god!" he proclaimed. "He is but a man, for lo! he is dying! His breath is as ours. Shall we worship a god who can become ill as we can?"

Then Eric began to fancy, as he lay in his bed at night, that he heard prowling footsteps about his house, but Jan-ila, watching jealously, could not detect any prowlers. But Eric put his revolver in his bed and kept it there. He awoke at dawn one morning and lay watching the rose tints grow and gleam along the canyon's castellated brows. Soft pearly shadows mingled with the rose, and deep, sullen blood crimson hung in the crevices of the rocks. Above was all sulphur and gold red, shooting up in long streamers across the clear, cool blue of the sky. He heard the peevee call and the shrill "teet teet" of the snipe. Then a robin burst out in a rich, rollicking matin song that made his heart swell with a queer mixture of joy and sadness.

It was all so sweet to come back to and so touching to him, softened by illness, that the tears almost came into his eyes. Then as he looked he saw a dark hand and arm appear at his window. The hand held a bunch of small, pale green berries, and it shook nervously as they were squeezed, and a few drops of grayish white juice fell into his water jug, which stood on the window sill.

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THE mugwump press has been active since the death of Mr Blaine in reflecting to the world his so called moral weakness and inconstancy. Its columns teem with hyperboles exaggerating his few faults, while his splendid logic in economics, his magnetic eloquence, his powerful executive ability and his untiring literary labors are utterly ignored. Public opinion, which will ever venerate the career of one of America's grandest sons, cannot be impaired by these ungenerous puppets, but it can laugh to derision the imbecile efforts of *Harper's Weekly* to compare the great genius to Grover Cleveland.

HON. S. P. JOHNSON, the oldest and one of the ablest attorneys of Pennsylvania, died at his residence in Warren on Thursday of last week, aged 84 years. Judge Johnson was President Judge of the Warren and Erie Judicial district for ten years, his term expiring about 22 years ago. In his younger days he had an extensive practice all through the north western counties, and in reaching the county seats of Elk, McKean and Potter he was forced to travel horse back, following trails as there were few public roads built in those days. A recital of his experiences in travelling through the wilds of these counties was always full of interest.

THE N. Y. *Herald* before the election was almost frantic in its efforts to scare the working men into an attitude hostile to the tariff telling them among other things, that it had so raised wages in this country that they would be overwhelmed with competitors from Europe in search of those wages. Now it sounds an opposite note, "The people don't want the McKinley law repealed," declares the *Herald*. "To repeal the law or to chase congress on to tamper hastily with its provisions would disturb business, depress stocks, unsettle values, upset industries, and throw the country into such a panic as it has not experienced since 1857."

MRS. W. C. WHITNEY, wife of ex-Secretary of the Navy Whitney died at her home in New York on Sunday morning last at 5 o'clock, of heart disease. Mrs. Whitney was 41 years old and was married 21 years ago to Mr Whitney. She was born and reared in Cleveland, O., where her family have lived for many years, her aged father, ex-Senator Henry B. Payne, a brother and her sister, Mrs. Wm. Bingham. Oliver H. Payne, her brother, has of recent years made his home with the Whitneys. He gave Mrs Whitney the house in which they live and he has always been a favorite in the family. Mrs. Whitney was very prominent as a society leader, and her charming manner had gained for her a most enviable popularity. One of her closest intimates was Mrs. Cleveland the wife of the President-elect.

THOSE who were so anxious during the recent campaign, to discourage the American tinplate industry, will be interested to know that there will be no lack of "raw material" in the future. *Tin and Terne* is authority for the statement that the new mill of the Harney Peak Tin Mining Company has commenced crushing tin rock. It has a capacity of 250 tons of rock per day, and will put 150 tons of Black Hills metalic tin on the American market each month. The machinery is all working smoothly and successfully. The capacity of the mill will be doubled in a short time, and two other companies are preparing to erect mills. The production of the Black Hills is not political tin, and it has commenced in earnest. Within a year it will crowd foreign tin from the American market. *Gazette and Bulletin.*

FREE TRADERS boast of the halcyon days of low tariff in this country during the period from 1846 to 1860. This is what a well to do farmer of New Britain, Conn., says the *Record* of that city in regard to his personal experiences during that period. "In 1854 I was working for Henry Clark as a farm laborer. He paid me $6 a month and my board. I was young and strong then and worked hard for him. Thanksgiving night snow fell to the depth of three feet. Next morning I was told by my employer that he could not afford to pay me such high wages. In fact, he said he could not pay any wages at all. But in a voice tinged with pity, he told me I could stay if I would work for my board. I was not long in the country then, and having nowhere to go I agreed to stay. Oh! how I did suffer that winter! I brought some calfskin shoes with me from Germany, but they were too fine to keep out the snow water. My feet were frozen on one occasion in such a manner that the skin came off with the stockings. You know," said he, "there was no rubber boots or overshoes in those days, and money was so scarce that even if there had been I could not have got them. Cowhide boots were the only thing available, and these were beyond my financial means." "How about wages in the factories here at that time?" inquired our reporter, who was curious to learn something about that period, as he heard so many conflicting stories about it during the late campaign. "Wages, were very low everywhere," said Mr Young. "How was the cost of living?" inquired our reporter. "Everything was high; flour sold at $12.50 a barrel, and it was mighty hard to get along at all," said Mr. Young.

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HAWAII.

The average American has probably a very indefinite idea of the Hawaiian group of islands, the people of which have dethroned their queen and are seeking admission to the Union. The situation of the kingdom, 2,100 miles from San Francisco, in the North Pacific, and the absence of cable communication have made it seem remote from civilization, and little note has been made of the tremendous changes which have taken place there since the missionaries first taught the natives to give up cannibalism and wear clothes.

Hawaii consists of 15 islands, the largest of which lies 20 degrees north of the equator. Only eight of the islands are inhabited, and their combined area is more than that of Connecticut, and less than that of Massachusetts, being 6,640 square miles. Their population is about 80,000, and in 1890 they contained 34,436 natives, 15,301 Chinese, 12,360 Japanese, 8,602 Portuguese, 1,928 Americans and 1,344 British.

Honolulu, the capital, is situated on the island of Oahu, and has a population of 23,000, which have furnished themselves with modern conveniences, including electric lights and telephones.

The products of the country consist mainly of sugar, rice, bananas and hides and nine tenths of the trade is with the United States. During the year 1890 the value of imports was nearly $7,000,000, while the exports for the same period were valued at $13,282,000 making a total foreign commerce of over 20,000,000, or $225 for each inhabitant, a larger per capita than that of any other country on earth. Seventy three per cent of the carrying trade was done by American ships.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

From our own correspondent.

HARRISBURG, February 6th, 1893.

The legislature has been in session a few days over one month and thus far, less than half dozen bills have been sent across the corridors, from one House to the other for final disposal. On the house side one hundred and twelve bills are on the calendar, all of them have passed first reading and a large portion of them have gone through second reading.

On the Senate side the calendars will be found to contain one hundred and three bills, out of one hundred and seven that have been acted upon by the various committees.

There are many "chestnuts" on the calendars of both Houses. In looking over the Senate calendar a few days ago I came across an old visitor to the legislative halls, and thinking it might perhaps contain something new, I asked the Senator who presented it what its new features were, when he replied "oh there is nothing new in it. It is a bill that was presented to the legislature of 1885 and each subsequent session since and is demanded by the constituency I represent. It won't pass but I must present it just the same." and this story might with much truthfulness be repeated as to many other bills, that make their appearance every session and as often as presented get no further than the calendar and at the close of the session are always found still on the calendar. Take the measures already introduced and on the calendars, and the Legislature will find enough to do to keep it very busy so as to adjourn in time to make the legislative trip to the World's Fair at Chicago, on May 17th.

In the matter of the investigation of the State Printing under the contract of Mr F. K. Meyers and which subject has been referred to a special Committee of both Houses, there has been but little accomplished. The committee held a session on Wednesday of last week but did nothing beyond fixing on Tuesday February 7th as the date of the next meeting and appointing a sub-committee to examine several legal points involved.

Attorney General Hensel was to take charge of the prosecution for the governor but this legal dignitary replied that he would gladly assist the committee and conduct the examination of witnesses but not in the capacity of the legal advisor of the Governor. It is not known that the Governor will do anything more in assisting the committee in the investigation, further than to supply it with a copy of the annual message containing the charges. It is the opinion of the committee of investigation that the Governor should at least furnish them with the data upon which he bases his impeachment of the State printer.

The Judiciary General Committee of the Senate referred the legal questions in the investigation of the Governor's conduct in the Watchorn case to a sub-committee consisting of Senators Gobin, Grady and Ross, and this committee or rather a majority of it has made report to the full committee. Mr Ross representing the minority party refuses to join the majority and at the same time he says he will not file a minority report.

The full committee will not meet until to-morrow when it is said a report will be formulated and sent to the Senate, which report it is said will take very decided grounds against the Governor because of his action in sending a nomination for confirmation which has before been rejected and besides the report will accuse His Excellency of official discourtesy to the Senate for his proceedings in the Factory Inspector case.

It is understood that the final disposition of this case will be transmitted to the Dauphin county court. The Governor will not accept the decision of the court in the Waller (Superintendent of Public Education) case as applying to the present one and he will contest for his right to appoint Watchorn, notwithstanding the rejection of his name by the Senate on two previous occasions.

Senator Herring wants the hours for keeping polls open shortened and thinks that from seven a. m. to four p. m. is long enough, and urges as a reason that all other States or at least a very large proportion of them, have adopted this plan and that it is found, wherever tried, to get out a fuller vote than the longer hours.

Mr King of Clearfield county wants a commission created to look after the forests of the State and to prevent their destruction and thus preserve the game that is now fast being driven from our woods. Mr King claims that the State Forestry commission is derelict in its duties and recites the fact that the wholesale cutting down of our primeval forests, is traceable to this dereliction of the State commission.

The resolution asking for this new commission, which is to be a joint legislative commission, wants the entire subject of forestry examined into and it also empowers the commission to examine into the feasibility of setting aside large tracts of forest land, in various parts of the State, for the purpose of establishing National State parks.

This last idea captured the House and the resolution passed without a dissenting vote. Representative Fow, he of the Fog-Horn voice, is a humanitarian in his way for he has introduced, in the House, a bill to prevent the manufacturing and sale of cigarettes in this State.

The evil of smoking the medicated tobaccos used in the manufacturing of the cigarette, is one that ought to be stopped and the use of them made a crime. Belladonna, nicotine, strychnine and rice paper, when combined in the deadly cigarette is about as sure a poison as can be compounded and when this compound is taken into the system, as is done in smoking, it is not to be wondered at that so many of our American youths become imbeciles or go to premature graves. It is an evil that calls loudly for some law that will suppress it.

There are a number of reform measures on the House calendar but there is none that meets with so hearty an approval as the one which proposes to suppress the public exhibition of freaks, which is only another name for monstrosities. In many of our larger towns these exhibitions often are of the most revolting of physical malformations and the tendency of such public displays of natures mistakes, whether in man or beast, is far from producing any good results. The refined and cultivated of social circles are not drawn to such exhibitions but it is only the low and depraved in taste and such only are made more depraved and lower by these public displays of the misfortunes of others. By all means let the exhibition of freaks be stopped.

On Wednesday of the present week the Insurance Committee of the House will accord a hearing to the Friends of the Miller "Fraternal Association" bill now in the House.

Sheridan Gorton, Smethport Grand Master Workman. Supreme Recorder Pickett, Meadville. Grand Foreman Bicket, Norristown of the A O U. W., Supreme Archor Drill Pittsburg of the Heptosophs are expected to be present and address the committee in favor of the bill.

ALLCROFT

AN Illinois legislator has introduced a bill providing that no marriage license shall issue in that state until the candidates for hymeneal happiness have submitted to a medical examination and demonstrated their ability to earn a living. No one is to be permitted to marry until they can read and write and the man must give "satisfactory evidence that he is engaged in some honourable vocation from which he derives sufficient income to support a family economically." We should imagine that legislator had made a bad bargain in the son in law line. *Olean Times.*

THE New York *Sun* takes occasion these days to remind the democratic party it won its victory so far as the tariff was concerned on the following flat footed free trade declaration: "We declare it to be a fundamental principle of the democratic party that the federal government has no constitutional power to impose and collect tariff duties, except for the purpose of revenue only."

Cough Following the Grip.

Many persons, who have recovered from la grippe are now troubled with a persistent cough. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will promptly loosen this cough and relieve the lungs, effecting a permanent cure in a very short time. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Armstrong, Druggist.

Worth Hundreds of Dollars.

My wife used only two bottles of "Mother's Friend" before her third confinement. Says she would not be without it for hundreds of dollars. Had not half as much trouble as before. Dock Miles, Lincoln Parish, La. Sold by A. B. Armstrong.

Think of It. Single harness from eight dollars up, at Gleason and Lemmlers.

Summons in Partition.

M'KEAN COUNTY, SS.

No. [illegible] February Term 18[illegible]

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said County Greeting:

If G. W. Campbell, E. W. Campbell and J. W. Campbell, partners doing business as G. W. Campbell & Sons, make you secure of prosecuting their claim, then we command you that you summon by good and lawful summoners A. Healey, A. A. Healey and Frank Healey, partners doing business as A. Healey & Sons, and also Lansing D. Wetmore, J. L. Grandin, E. B. Grandin, W. T. Scheide, J. M. Clapp, Pennsylvania Gas Company and Henry Hamlin, holding Mineral Oil and Gas interests in the lands hereinafter mentioned, late of your County, Yeomen, so that they be and appear before our Judges at Smethport at our County Court of Common Pleas there to be held the Fourth Monday of February next to show wherefore, whereas they, the said G. W. Campbell, E. W. Campbell and J. W. Campbell, partners doing business as G. W. Campbell & Sons, and the aforesaid A. Healey, A. A. Healey and Frank Healey, partners doing business as A. Healey & Sons, and also Lansing D. Wetmore, J. L. Grandin, E. B. Grandin, W. T. Scheide, J. M. Clapp, Pennsylvania Gas Company and Henry Hamlin holding Mineral Oil and Gas interests in the lands hereinafter mentioned, together and undivided, to hold a certain messuage and tract of land designated and described as subdivision No. 141 in warrant No. 2171, Wetmore township, McKean County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Bounded on the north by subdivision No. 141 in Warrant No. 2[illegible] east by subdivision No. 142 in warrant No. 5[illegible] south by subdivision No. 146 in warrant No. 2[illegible] and west by subdivision No. 140, in warrant No. 2073. Be the same more or less, and also all the timber on two other messuages or tracts of land designated and described as subdivision No. 153 in warrant No. 2[illegible] in said township of Wetmore, County of McKean and Commonwealth aforesaid. Bounded on the north by subdivision No. 142, in warrant No. 2171, east by subdivision No. 31 in warrant No. 3121, south by subdivision No. 221 in warrant No. 2[illegible] and west by subdivision No. 144 in said warrant No. [illegible], be the same more or less, and also subdivision No. 1[illegible], in warrant No. 2[illegible], Hamilton township, said County and Commonwealth. Bounded on the north by subdivision No. 1[illegible] in warrant No. [illegible], east by subdivision No. 1[illegible] in said warrant No. [illegible], south by subdivision 1[illegible], in warrant No. 2[illegible] in Wetmore township, and west by subdivision No. 1[illegible] in warrant No. 2[illegible] in said Hamilton township. Be the same more or less, the same A. Healey, A. A. Healey and Frank Healey, partners doing business as A. Healey & Sons, and also Lansing D. Wetmore, J. L. Grandin, E. B. Grandin, W. T. Scheide, J. M. Clapp, Pennsylvania Gas Company and Henry Hamlin, holding Mineral, Oil and Gas interests in the lands, partition thereof between them to be made (according to the laws and the customs of this Commonwealth in such case made and provided) do gainsay and the same to be done, do not permit very unjustly and against the same laws and customs as it is said, &c. And have you then and there the names of those summoners and this writ.

SEAL.

Witness the Honorable A. G. Olmsted, President Judge of our said Court at Smethport this 31 day of January, A. D. 1893.

J. M. McELROY

Prothonotary.

The above is a true and correct copy of the original in my hands.

Attest. WALTER GRUBB, Sheriff.

Notice.

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS OF EXECUTORS, Administrators and Guardians having been settled in the office of the Register, the same will be presented for confirmation at the Orphans Court to be held at Smethport, in and for the County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, on the fourth Monday of February, A. D. 1893.

First and final account of Amy E. Crandall and Henry Hamlin, executors of the last will and testament of James A. Bond, deceased.

First and final account of John Brooks, executor of the last will and testament of Benjamin N. Brooks, deceased.

First and final account of John C. Hamlin and George W. Williams, executors of the last will and testament of Henry Herring, deceased.

First and final account of Gilbert Mandy, executor of the last will and testament of Augustine Bray, deceased.

First and final account of John W. Bush, administrator, D. B. N. et., c. t. a., of the estate of Elisha Bush, deceased.

First and final account of C. J. Lane, administrator of the estate of Joseph Babcock, deceased.

Final Account of F. A. Newell administrator of the estate of Ruby N. Kingsbury, deceased.

First and final account of Samuel W. Smith, administrator of the estate of Samuel Cummings, deceased.

Final account of Philip Brady, guardian of Sarah J. Brady, minor child of Patrick and Jane Brady, deceased.

First and final account of Thomas Hussey, administrator of Bridget Hussey, who was the acting executor of the last will and testament of James Hussey, deceased.

First and final account of Thomas Hussey, administrator of the estate of Bridget Hussey, deceased.

J. M. McELROY, Register.

H. H. CHEATS, Deputy.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 28, 1893.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY WRITS OF FIERI Facias, Levari Facias, Alias Fieri Facias, Venditioni Exponas, [illegible] issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose at public sale in the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1893,

at 1 p. m., the following several pieces of property:

1

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in Otto township, McKean County, Penn'a, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the extreme southwest corner of lands conveyed by Borden to A. Cornish, thence north 45 degrees east ninety two and seventeen-twenty fifths (92 17-25) rods to the Smith and Baker road, thence along said road North 23 degrees west eighteen and nine-twenty fifths (18 9-25) rods, thence north 45 degrees west eleven and nine-twenty-fifths (11 9-25) rods to the easterly corner of ten acres of land heretofore conveyed by Cornish and wife to S. S. Yerty, thence south 45 degrees west one hundred one and fifteen-twenty-fifths (101 15-25) rods, thence south 45 degrees east to the place of beginning containing seventeen and fifty-hundredths (17 50-100) acres. Excepting and reserving therefrom one and one-half acres in the easterly corner ten (10) rods wide and twenty-four (24) rods long (excepting also and reserving all hemlock, beech, oak, pine, basswood and cucumber timber etc.) and being the same land an undivided one-half of which was conveyed by the Bank of Commerce to first party by deed dated July 7, 1889. Recorded in Recorder's office of McKean County, Penna., in Deed Book Vol. "2" page 2[illegible], the other undivided one-half being conveyed by said first party by S. Solomon by Deed dated April 6th, 1886, and recorded in same office in Deed Book Vol. 10, page [illegible].

Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Township, County and State aforesaid bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the north-west corner of lands of Tarbell, Shaver and Batters, thence north 45 degrees east ninety six and forty-seven-hundredths (96 47-100) rods along the north line of tract formerly known as the Ford tract, thence south 45 degrees east along the north line of said Ford's tract, twenty four and ninety four-hundredths (24 94-100) rods more or less to a point in said north line, and thence south 45 degrees west ninety-six and forty seven hundredths (96 47-100) rods to a point in the north boundary of lot of Tarbell, Shaver and Batters, thence north 41 degrees west to the place of beginning containing fifteen (15) acres of land strict measure and being part of aforesaid Ford tract, and part of Warrant No. 3[illegible], and being the same land conveyed by Chas. Newell et al. to S. R. Locker C. L. Scott and C. B. Whitehead by deed dated Dec. 17th, 1877 recorded in Deed Book Vol. 1, page [illegible], by the said E. R. Backer and wife and C. L. Scott and wife conveyed to [illegible] an undivided two-thirds to Charles L. [illegible]

[illegible]

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of [illegible]

C. B. Whitehead [illegible]

W. W. Mason, Pl'ff's Att'y

[illegible]

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of George N. Smith at the suit of National Savings and Loan Association.

C. E. Judd, Pl'ffs Atty

6

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania. Commencing at a point in the north side of Barber street at the southwest corner of lot No 11 and running north along the west line of said lot to the Tuna creek, thence following westerly along said creek to the east line of lot No. 13, thence south along said line to Barber street, thence east twenty five (25) feet to the place of beginning, known as lot No. 12 of the Whitney & Wheeler addition to Bradford as per survey of plot of Leander Gorton 1877 and 1878, map of said survey being now on file in the Recorder's office in Smethport, Pa., and the same land conveyed to the said first party by Bessie Gillam by deed dated Sept. 12, 1880 and recorded Oct. 14, 1880, in D. B. 50, at page 218, &c.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Tressie Lynch, formerly Tressie Hutchinson, at the suit of Helen M. Parker.

C. E. Judd, Pl'ffs Atty

7

Defendant's interest in all those lots of land lying in the township of Annin, McKean county, Penn'a, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: commencing at the northwest corner of lot No. [illegible], deeded to King & Ball, thence south [illegible] perches to the northeast corner of lot No. 81, conveyed to J. Hodges, thence west 34 perches to the southwest corner of lot No. 81, thence south 57 perches to a hemlock corner, thence north 184.4 perches to a beech corner in the south line of lot No. 346, thence east 40 perches, thence north 76-10 perches; thence east 96 perches to a hemlock corner, thence south 40 perches to a maple corner on the north line of lot No. 80, thence west 41 perches to the place of beginning; containing 60 3-10 acres and being lots No's 77, 78 and 79, of the Kreling & Co., allotment of lands in said township and part of Warrant No. 3443. Improved and having situate thereon one two-story frame house with ell, one good frame barn, good orchard, good spring, and about [illegible] acres improved.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Raymond Hodges at the suit of Byron D. Hamlin, Henry Hamlin and John Forrest.

John Forrest, Pl'ff's Att'y.

8

Defendant's interest in all the surface for building purposes only of lots numbered eighty-eight (88), eighty-nine (89) and ninety (90) situate in Lafayette township, McKean county, State of Pennsylvania. Said lots being twenty-five (25) feet front, each on the Smethport road and one hundred and fifty (150) feet north to the lands of the Hazelwood Oil Company. Bounded on the east by lot numbered eighty-seven [illegible] and on the west by lot numbered [illegible] as per L. Gorton's survey of [illegible], and reserving however, from the lots aforesaid, all the oil, gas and minerals in by virtue of conveyance made by W. W. Brown to the Hazelwood Oil Company. Improved and having thereon one board barn.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Mrs. H. E. Vedder at the suit of J. H. Phillips.

Berry & Eggers, Pl'ff's Att'y

9

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land, situate in the City of Bradford, McKean county, State of Pennsylvania. Bounded and described as follows, viz: beginning at a point in the north bank of the west branch of the Tunungwant creek, where the east line of lot No. one hundred and fifty-two (152) Whitney and Wheeler's addition to Bradford, as per survey and plot of L. Gorton 1877 and 1878, extended will intersect said creek, thence northwesterly along said extended line and the easterly line of lot No. one hundred and fifty-two (152), as per said survey to the northeast corner of said lot No. one hundred and fifty-two (152), thence southwesterly along the Buffalo and Bradford Railroad Company's lands twenty-five (25) feet, thence southeasterly along the west line of lot No one hundred and fifty-two (152) and parallel to said east line of lot No one hundred and fifty two and said extended line to the north bank of said west branch of said Tunungwant creek, thence along and down said creek to the place of beginning, upon which land is erected a small frame building, used as a dwelling house, with the appurtenances. Being the same property conveyed to Angel A. Catherine by Wm. Gavit, Guardian of Carrie Gavit, a minor child of Wm. Gavit by deed dated the third day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine, recorded in the Recorder's Office in McKean Co., in Deed Book, Vol. 55, page 498 &c., on 19 March, A. D., 1890.

Also, all that certain house and lot of land No. 58, situate in the City of Bradford, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of lot sold by James Polk Abbott and wife to E. J. Cross, by deed dated [illegible] sixty (60) feet from the corner of Washington and Mechanic street and on the west side of Mechanic street, thence northerly along the line of Mechanic street twenty (20) feet to a post, thence sixty-five (65) feet on a parallel line with Washington street to the line of E. J. Cross' lot to a post, thence south twenty (20) feet to the corner of Sibley lot, thence easterly on a line of said Cross lot sixty five (65) feet to the place of beginning, containing 1300 square feet, more or less. Being part of lot sold by James Polk Abbott deed dated Dec. 21, 1880 to James Polk Abbott by Loyal Ward trustee of the estate of Willard M. Howell, deceased, Registered in Book "B," page 162, McKean county, being the same property transferred to Angel A. Catherine by James Polk Abbott and Sarah Jane, his wife, by deed dated the 22nd day of June, 1888. On said property is a two story frame building, used for a store and dwelling house. The aforesaid deed being recorded in the office for recording of deeds in and for the County of McKean in Deed Book "50," page 439 &c., on the 24th day of July 1889.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of A. A. Catherine at the suit of Heman Janes.

M. Sullivan, Pl'ff's Att'y

10

Defendant's interest in all those lots of land lying in the township of Annin and Liberty, County of McKean and State of Penn'a bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

1. Beginning at a white wood, the northeast corner of E. W. Burr lot No. 2[illegible], west 80 perches to a post, the northwest corner of same, north 70 perches to a post corner, east 80 perches to a post corner, south 70 perches to the place of beginning, containing 33 acres, being lot No. 2[illegible], of the allotment of the lands of Hamlin, Hamlin & Forrest in Annin township and part of Warrant No. 2143. Unimproved.

2. Beginning at a post, the northeast corner of land conveyed to Benj. G. Stone No. 175, thence west 78 perches to a post corner, north 80 perches to a post corner, east 12 3-10 perches to a post corner, north 60 perches to a post corner, east 40 perches to a white wood corner, south 60 perches to a post corner, east 50 perches to a post corner, south by line of E. B. Dolley's lot, No. 181, 160 perches to a post corner, west 61 perches to a post corner, thence north 80 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 130 acres and being lots No's 177 and 178, Liberty township and No. 2[illegible], Annin township of the allotment aforesaid, and part of Warrants No's 2[illegible], 2[illegible], 2[illegible], 2143. Improved and having thereon one, one and one-half story frame dwelling house, one one story frame dwelling house, two frame barns, two orchards and about 40 acres improved.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Edgar W. Burr at the suit of Byron D. Hamlin, Henry Hamlin and John Forrest.

[illegible]

F. B. Mayo, Pl'ff's Att'y

13.

Defendant's interest in a lot of land in Wetmore township, McKean county and State of Pennsylvania, part of warrant No. 3101 bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post at the southeast corner of land under contract to John A. Gustafson, thence by said land north 5 degrees 30 minutes west 107 rods to a post set 5 rods west of the centre of Hubert Run, thence by the north line of said warrant 3101 and land of Elizabeth D. Kane south 87 degrees east 40 5-10 rods to a post, thence by land under contract to John G. Munson south 5 degrees 15 minutes east 106 rods to a post, thence by land under contract to Jacob Scarlief and land under contract to Sam Norlin north 84 degrees 30 minutes west 33 rods to the place of beginning, containing twenty-four acres and nine square perches more or less, reserving the rights of the National Transit Co. to renew, maintain and operate their pipe line on the present route across the premises, also reserving the water right over the lot above described granted to the Spring Water Company of Kane similar to that granted by John G. Munson by deed dated October 23, 1891, and having thereon one small frame house, one small frame barn, about 10 acres improved and well watered.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Peter Wahlstrom at the suit of Antony A. Clay.

John N. Apple, Pl'ff's Att'y

14

All the defendant's interest in the following parcel of land situate in Liberty township, McKean county and State of Pennsylvania. Beginning at a post in the west bank of the Allegany river and the northeast corner of land deeded to Calvin H. Burrows from T. H. Irons and wife, by deed dated July 4th 1884 recorded in Deed Book No. 23 page 457 thence by north line of C. H. Burrows land south fifty-seven (57) degrees, west sixty-one (61) perches to the center of public highway, thence by the center of highway leading to Smethport in a northerly direction to center of lane and south line of land of estate of Miles Irons, thence easterly by south line of land of estate of Miles Irons and south line of land of William Rice to a post in the west bank of Allegany river and southeast corner of land of said William Rice, thence southerly by the center of the Allegany river to the place of beginning. Containing thirty five and eight-tenths (35 8-10) acres strict measure and being part of land conveyed by deed from C. M. Burrows and wife dated October 1st, 1883, recorded in Book No. 21, page 127 and 128, &c. Having thereon 1 frame house, two barns, bearing orchard, good spring of water, &c. All cultivated.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Thomas H. Irons at the suit of Calvin H. Burrows use of Samuel W. Smith.

S. W. Smith, Pl'ff's Att'y

15

Defendant's interest in all that parcel of land in Liberty township, McKean county, Pa., bounded and described as follows to-wit: Beginning at a point in the intersection of the Grimes Hill road with the road on west side of the Allegany river, thence westerly by the center of Grimes Hill road to the warrant line dividing the Strawbridge & Keating lands, thence north thirty four (34) degrees west by said warrant line to southwest corner of land of estate of Miles Irons, thence north sixty degrees (60) east by south line of lands of Irons estate and Calvin Burrows to the center of the Allegany river, thence southerly by the center of said river to the northeast corner of lands of Sarah Cole, thence southerly along Cole's line to the place of beginning. Containing forty-seven (47) acres more or less, being parts of Warrants No 71 and 95 Strawbridge lands, and the same conveyed to Lovina Mangoldt, now Ely, by deed recorded in Deed Book "U," page 43. Having erected thereon one frame dwelling, barn and usual out-buildings, spring of water.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Lovina Ely at the suit of C. B. Cole use F. H. Arnold now Edwin P. Dalrymple, Executor.

S. W. Smith, Pl'ff's Att'y

16.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the city of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, known as the south one half (½) of lot No. forty-one (41) of Whitney & Wheeler's east side building lots, being twenty-five (25) feet front on Tarport road or Whitney avenue, running back one hundred (100) feet, Cottage row as per plot and survey of Leander Gorton in 1877 and 1878, the map of said survey being now on file in the Recorder's office at Smethport, Pa., in Deed Book No. 25, at page [illegible] and being the same premises deeded to Levi Bertin by W. M. Walters and Helen L. Walters, his wife, by deed dated Aug. 30th, 1885, and recorded in Deed Book 35, at page 233, &c. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame dwelling house.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Levi Bertin, at the suit of L. F. Carroll.

C. E. Judd, Pl'ff's Atty.

WALTER GRUBB, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., Feb. 7, 1893.

B.H.&Co

CASH AND ONE PRICE.

BUFFALO, Feb. 8, 1893.

NEW GOODS.

We want all buyers of dry goods wherever they are to get acquainted with this store, because it represents progressive retailing in its best sense. But that, we know is no incentive to strangers, for how should a stranger know it is worth her while to come to us for dry goods and carpets, shoes and millinery?

Just now the store is all enthusiasm with new goods of one sort and another for spring. Nobody can describe them in detail. All through the collections of

—New Dress Goods
—New Wash Goods
—New Silks
—New Printed Flannels
—New French Challies
—New Printed Cashmeres
—New Silk Stripe Javanaise
—New Dress Trimmings
—New Carpets
—New Upholsteries

You'll find the expression of dazzling beauty and decided novelty. Shoppers prove their superiority by purchases increasingly great and more than gratifying.

Out-of-town customers are welcome to send for samples of new goods whatever kind their fancy suggests. But if there were nothing better in this store than the purchasing possibilities of ready-money it would maintain an attractive interest to those with money to spend, much or little. What we are remarkable for more than anything else is low prices. And values are growing better all the while.

New goods are better than last season, no matter what you look to. You should see them, if only to see.

BARNES, HENGERER & CO.

AND NOW, DECEMBER 1, 1892, IT IS ordered and directed that the Court of Common Pleas, the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery and the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of McKean at the regular term and session now fixed for the week commencing the Fourth Monday of February A. D. 1893 shall continue for one more week, to-wit the week commencing on the first Monday of March 1893. And that a separate venire issue for jurors for each of said weeks. The purpose of this order is to have the regular February term and sessions of said Court continue for two weeks, and to have a panel of jurors for each week.

PER CURIAM.

Attest.

J. M. McELROY, Prothonotary

Charter Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN application will be made to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on Tuesday the 21st of February 1893, by W. J. Armstrong, Milton Craven, James Campbell, C. V. Gillis, James F. Sweasy, H. D. Keelor, A. P. Huey, V. A. Gillett, T. R. Hoskins, B. S. Jacobson, and their associates under the act of Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of Natural Gas Companies." Approved May 29th 1885 and the supplements thereto for the charter of an intended corporation to be called the Felicity Gas Company. The character and object of said corporation is for the purpose of producing, dealing in, transporting, storing and supplying natural gas to such persons, corporations or [illegible] within [illegible] connecting [illegible] may desire to [illegible] the same upon such terms as [illegible] may establish. The [illegible] where gas is to be produced is in [illegible] of McKean and Elk counties and the place of business and locality where gas is to be distributed is Kane, Pa. and vicinity.

A. P. HUEY,

Solicitor.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 3 June Term 1892.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania, to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, J. H. Fenner, Jr., on the 22d day of February 1892, prefer his petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county praying for the causes therein set forth he might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Lizzie B. Fenner.

We therefore command you the said Lizzie B. Fenner that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean on the 4th Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of said J. H. Fenner and to show cause if any you have, why the said J. H. Fenner your husband should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy.

WALTER GRUBB, Sheriff.

Mullin & Mullin, Libellant's Att'ys.

Smethport, Pa. Jan. 30, 1893.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 96 October Term 1892.

MCKEAN COUNTY ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county greeting:

Whereas, Maggie Brobst, by her next friend, John Cunningham did, on the twenty-seventh day of June 1892, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said County praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you David Brobst.

We therefore command you the said David Brobst, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean, on the 4th Monday of Feb. next, to answer the petition or libel of said Maggie Brobst and to show cause, if any you have why the said Maggie Brobst, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy.

WALTER GRUBB, Sheriff.

Mullin & Mullin, Libellant's Attorneys

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 30 1893.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 94, October Term, 1890.

MCKEAN COUNTY ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Ella Burdick, did, on the 4th day of September, 1890, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you W. M. Burdick.

We therefore command you, the said W. M. Burdick, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean, on the 4th Monday of February next, to answer the petition or libel of said Ella Burdick, and to show cause, if any you have, why your wife should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

WALTER GRUBB, Sheriff.

[illegible] Attorney.

[illegible] 1893.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 81, October Term, 1893.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, May E. Clare, by her next friend, [illegible] did, on the 1st day of September [illegible] prefer her petition to our said Judges of the Court of Common Pleas [illegible] praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Fayette [illegible].

We therefore command you, the said Fayette [illegible] that setting aside all other business [illegible] you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held [illegible] on the fourth Monday [illegible] to answer the petition or libel of said May E. Clare and show cause, if any you have, why the said May E. Clare should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided.

WALTER GRUBB, Sheriff.

[illegible] Libellant's Attorney.

[illegible] 1893.

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They'll see the best in Tinware;
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Every Fourth Customer Came Away With A Pair of Shoes Absolutely Free

Without money and without price; when persons who dropped into the store and bought, not having heard of our unprecedented liberal proposition, were passed back their money with the explanation "Yours is the forurth pair of shoes at that price and goes free." These experiences aroused public attention and the result is a monstrous sale of shoes, the equal never precedented in Bradford or, for that matter, anywhere else. The result is the value of the shoes given away at the Racket Store in the past few days actually exceeds the total weekly sales of many of the shoe stores that fancy they are competitors in the struggle for supremacy in the shoe trade. Those are the people to get your credit from. But with us credit has no future value, and we do not care for any person's patronage upon any other than a cash basis. We don't ask the the cash buyer to pay for losses by bad debts. This system enables us not only to treat all alike, but underbuy where others buy, and undersell weere others sell, and not to meet but to defeat competition in every line of goods.

Now, remember, this will be the last week of our free distribution of shoes. Buy shoes and time before closing Saturday, February 18th and if yours chances to be the fourth pair sold at that price it goes absolutely free of any charge.

RACKET STORE,

BRADFORD, PA.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Civil court next week.

—St. Valentine's day next Tuesday.

—Political scraps have lately been prevalent.

—The saintly reformers continue their good work.

—Base ball men are looking forward to a good season.

—Boom the new school building and sewerage system.

—Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

—The juveniles have lately been enjoying some extra fine skating.

—The lumbermen have made each day count during the past two months.

—It is singular that the only ex-President living is the President-elect.

—The man owns a wheel is interested in the national improvement of roads.

—A new brick works, with a capital of 30,000, is being organized in Bradford.

—Well content with the past season, everyone is ready for spring's genial smile.

—It is better to do one thing well in a day than to half do fifty things in the same time.

—The statement that the coal trust is making it hot for the people is without foundation.

—The Wellsboro *Agitator* says there seems to be an epidemic of burglaries in that county.

—Mt. Jewett now has a council of the Jr. O. U. A. M., which was instituted last week Wednesday.

—Smethport should offer inducements to any company proposing to put a new railroad through the town.

—When sending a comic valentine, do not increase the agony of your victim by adding verses of your own.

—Regular meetings of the W. C. T. U., will be held Saturday at 3 p. m., instead of Friday, until further notice.

—All trains on the B. B. & K. R. R. were abandoned on Thursday and Friday of last week, owing to the snow and ice.

—The month of January will go on record as giving us the longest stretch of cold weather in the memory of the oldest citizen.

—A commercial man was heard to remark that he judged by appearances that all the Smethport girls had gone to the jug cure.

—The dancing school held its last session before lent last Friday night. Whether they will again be resumed is problematical.

—A load of 27,000 pounds or 13 cords of bark was hauled to the Extract works from Dodge & Sherburn's camp on Dally brook yesterday.

—The Poultry and Horse Review says that the noise made by a rooster flapping his wings is caused by the striking of the wings over the back.

—Florence Stickel of Johnsonburg, whose advertisement is in another column, is displaying a large stock of spring goods in his merchant tailoring establishment.

—Mr. Beecher once said if he were to write the epitaph on Bob Ingersoll's tombstone he would merely inscribe the name of the great Scotch poet, "Robert Burns."

—The streets and sidewalks of the borough were in a horrible condition the past week and many of our people took a tumble. The only wonder is that more accidents did not result.

—The special meetings at the Baptist church have been brought to a close. Much interest was manifested and fourteen persons have signified their intention to lead a better life, as a result.

—We surmise that "Narrow Gauge vs. Broad Gauge" to be given Sunday night at the M. E. church will be the most interesting of any sermons so far given in the series "Paradoxical Mathematics."

—The ticket nominated by the Republicans of this Borough on Monday evening last is an exceptionally good one and deserves the unqualified support of every Republican. It ought to be successful.

—The usual services at the Baptist church will be held next Sunday. The pastor will preach morning and evening. Sunday school immediately after the services Young people's meeting at 6:30 p.m.

—Owing to the press on our columns of legal and other advertising, our local correspondence is unavoidably crowded out this week, as it will be the coming two weeks. Our correspondents will act accordingly.

—A thirty minutes study of "Sublime Oratory" Sunday morning at the M. E. Church. At 6:30 p. m., Prof. W. P. Eckels speaks to the Epworth League. Subject, "How I may know and show I am a Christian."

—A good many years ago when a boy was whipped at school he received another whipping when he went home. These days the father and mother wipe his tear away, and go before the board to make a complaint.—Ex.

—The next term of Quarter Sessions commencing Feby. 27th., will be an interesting one. The trial of Ralph Crossmire for the murder of his mother Lucetta Crossmire, will probably bring a large body of people to the county seat.

—We have frequently requested our patrons to send in their favors not later than Tuesday. This week several such reached us on Thursday, and owing to the large amount of legal matter we are forced to lay them over until next week.

—It is suggested that slates be hung in the vestibules of churches to enable the young ladies to register their names on entering. If this plan be adopted, the young men won't have to wait outside until church is out, to see if their charmers are there.

—After the destruction of the school buildings, the opinion prevailed among the young people that they would enjoy an unlimited vacation. The average boy was therefore sadly disappointed when he found that room had been provided for him to resume his tedious work.

—Mrs. Noah Thornton of lower Main street met with a serious accident Monday morning last. While performing some work on the back porch of her residence, she slipped and fell upon the ice, breaking her arm. Medical aid was summoned and the fracture reduced.

—J. P. Keating of Clermont, is suffering at his home from a broken leg. While running toward the Union depot at Olean, last Tuesday morning, with the intention of catching a train, Mr. Keating fell upon the icy pavement fracturing his leg in two places below the knee.

[illegible] the W. N. Y. & P. railroad last Tuesday. He slipped and fell on the icy street, the [illegible] over the right hand. Dr. John Clark dressed the injured member.

—A man is a harvester. He begins at the cradle; learns to handle the fork; often has rakish ways and sows wild oats; threshes his way through the world; and when he arrives at the sere and yellow leaf, Time mows him down, and his remains are planted on the hillside.—*Greensburg Independent.*

—There are many Odd Fellows in this county who will be glad to learn that James B. Nicholson, the venerable Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, who was stricken with paralysis at Berwyn, Chester county, on the 31st of December, is now rapidly improving. His life was despaired of for some days.

—We omitted last week to mention the marriage of John J. Smith and Miss Gertie A. Greeley, both of Colegrove, which happy event took place Jan. 28th. Mr. Smith has bought the restaurant of Mrs. D. F. Keefe and the newly wedded pair will make Smethport their future home. We wish them a full measure of success.

Genius, according to a writer in the *Popular Science Monthly*, is a special morbid condition. Genius, let us suggest, is the art of knowing more about some particular thing than anybody else does, and the penalty of it is to be called eccentric by the level headed fool who knows nothing of his own knowledge about anything whatever.

—There is a man in Smethport whose daily acts of charity reflect a character as immaculate as the driven snow. He is a devout Churchman, and a man who strives every way in his power to hide his benevolent works. His financial status is not great, but his goodness is. He finds all of the happiness of existence in his love for his Maker and his fellow beings.

—George R. Brownell, while driving one of his handsome cream colored horses through East Smethport yesterday, met with his "Jonah" in the shape of a pack peddler. The spirited animal becoming frightened at the traveling mercantile establishment, overturned the cutter and ran away leaving George in the road. Horse and cutter were recovered, when it was found that little damage had been done.

—The anniversary meeting of Keystone Encampment, on Tuesday evening last, was largely attended, but the meeting was somewhat of a disappointment owing to the non-arrival of the speakers, who were detained by sickness, and the quartets failing to put in an appearance. The supper however made up for all disappointments. The young ladies having the matter in charge did themselves proud and a very pleasant evening was the result.

—Mrs. Ella, wife of J. M. Robinson, and daughter of J. E. B. White, of Hamlin township, died on Wednesday, Feby 1st, aged 36 years. She has been a constant sufferer for many years with a complication of diseases. She was an estimable lady and leaves a husband and four children and her aged father to mourn her death. The funeral services were held on Saturday morning of last week and were conducted by Rev. Foster of Mt. Jewett, the burial services being in charge of a squad from McKean Post No. 347, of which Mr. Robinson is a comrade.

—We fully agree with the following which we clip from an exchange: "The only way to prevent a newspaper from becoming a debilitated orphan asylum for the feeble, crippled and deft literary offspring, of every scribbler in the county, is to lay down a certain set of rules in the beginning for rejecting any and everything that does not come up to the exact requirements of the editor's judgment. It does not pay to publish all kinds of trash merely in a spirit of accommodation. The success of any journal depends as much on what is kept out of its columns as on what appears in it.

—C. M. Galford, representing the firm of Davis & Rankin, Chicago, Ill., entertained a number of business men at the hose house Tuesday night. His object was to form a stock company for the purpose of building a butter and cheese factory in this locality, offering to construct a model plant at the cost of $3050. Our citizens were favorably impressed with the proposition, and will hear the report on Feby. 17th, of a committee sent from Eldred to investigate the industry at Elgin, Ill. It is desired that all interested in the matter will be present on that occasion.

—When you come to think of it what a poverty of distinction is displayed in the naming of our cities and towns. Some old yahoo named Smith or Jones or Mud squats on the public domain and is gradually surrounded by other first citizens, who eventually conclude to give a name to their settlement. With no consideration for their posterity, with no thought that sometime in the future the newspapers may date the details of a prize fight or a bank wreck or a church scandal from their midst, they call their hamlet Smithville or Jonesburg or Mudtown, and as such it staggers down the back hall of eternity and in the fullness of time brings a blush to the cheeks of its citizens when they get away from home and tell people where they live.—"*Hoppy Doodle*" *in Oil City Blizzard.*

Lenten Services at St. Luke's.

Services on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 16th as follows: Holy Communion at 8 a. m. Morning prayer and Litany at 10:30. Evening prayer at 4 o'clock and at All Saints' Chapel at 7:30 o'clock.

Services during Lent on Wednesdays at 9 a. m. and at 4 p. m. On Fridays at 6 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

At All Saints' Chapel, East Smethport on Thursdays at 7:30 p. m.

Ministerial Conference.

The Baptist clergymen of this vicinity met at the Baptist church in this borough and organized the Allegany River Baptist Conference. The conference was called to order by Pastor Halliwell, and on motion Rev. Mr. McNeil, of Emporium, was made the Moderator and Rev. DeWoody, of Coudersport, Secretary; P. D. Hopkins, of this borough, Treasurer. A committee of arrangements was appointed, consisting of the Moderator, Secretary and Rev. J. J. Berger, of Eldred, to arrange for further meetings with the various churches of the Association. It was decided to hold meetings on the second day of each month; the first of which will be held with Coudersport church on the second Monday of March. During the session there will be a rally of the young people connected with the churches.

In the evening, Rev. McNeil delivered an eloquent discourse on "Jacob," which was followed by brief remarks from the other visiting clergymen.

John M. Reilly had business in [illegible] Tuesday.

Miss Hannah [illegible] visited Eldred this week.

Mrs. J. W. Reilly visited Rochester relatives last week.

Dr. F. K. Ball, of [illegible], was a guest of friends in town this week.

Fred W. Backus, of Johnsonburg, was in Smethport Wednesday evening.

Miss Etta Foote, of [illegible], N. Y., is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. W. Brownell.

Miss Carrie Allen left Tuesday for a short visit with friends in Allegany, N. Y.

Miss Mary Hewitt, of this place, has secured a position at the Ridgway gold cure.

Ham Hill of Warren was shaking hands with his many Smethport friends this week.

Mrs. William Green, of Kelly Hollow fell on Friday last sustaining a fracture of one of her legs.

Mrs. T. A. Morrison of Green street entertained a party of friends at her home on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. H. L. McCoy gave an entertainment to a number of friends at her home on Main street last Monday night.

Rev. J. Herber McCandless, of St. Luke's Church, is at present detained in New York by the illness of Mrs. McCandless.

Herbert Bard, of Smethport, is the guest of his brother Roscoe, and sister, Miss Lottie, at the residence of F. B. McCoy.—*Mt. Jewett Herald.*

James L. Hughes, of Centerville, Pa., was a guest of his father, A. L. Hughes, last week, and while in town made the MINER office a pleasant call.

Sheridan Gorton, Esq., is in Harrisburg representing the A. O. U. W., among the grand officers of other orders who will oppose the Boyer bill.

Mr. O. T. Dennis has been confined to his house in Eldred some two months the most of the time, suffering intensely from sciatica and neuralgic rheumatism.

Mrs. John Oviatt, of East Smethport, and Miss May Cory, of Coryville, sister and niece of Dr. R. D. Day, were in town Monday and Tuesday.—*Ridgway Advocate.*

Ed Bennett, of Coudersport, spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Smethport. He expresses himself as very much pleased with Coudersport and its people.

Miss Gerty Cosgrove and Miss Fanny Derrell, of Bradford, were guests of the Misses Lucy and Nellie Backus, of Main street, on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Mrs. S. I. Wells has been in Buffalo during the past week, purchasing school books to meet the demand of the pupils who sustained loss by the recent burning of the school house.

Jas. A. McKean and wife, Thos. H. Purtle and wife, Hugh Boyd, M. Mulvahill, Miss Maggie McKean and the Misses Mary and Ella Biggins, went to Eldred to attend the C. M. B. A. ball Tuesday night.

Kane Republican—C. A. Burdick was over from Smethport Monday writing up insurance policies. John P. Rooney was over from the county seat Friday looking after his interests in the Kane Meat and Provision company.

Borough Nominees.

The following tickets have been nominated by the respective caucuses of the Republican and Democratic parties of this borough:

By the Republican caucus on Monday evening last:

For Burgess—F. K. Tull.
For Councilmen—Chas. Johnson, Frank Kerns
For School Directors—T. A. Morrison, 3 years; E. H. Mayo, 3 years; P. D. Hopkins, 1 years.
For Justice of the Peace—F. M. Fuller.
For Collector—J. C. Gallup.
For Judge of Election—E. F. Waller.
For Inspector of Election—E. H. Taylor.
For Auditor—W. D. Gallup.

By the Democratic caucus on Saturday evening last:

For Burgess—Daniel Bacon.
For Councilmen—Charles McKean, Charles [illegible]
For School Directors—T. A. Morrison, 3 years; E. H. Mayo, 3 years; F. W. Brownell, 1 years.
For Justice of the Peace—J. A. Hollier.
For Collector—[illegible]
For Judge of Election—Washington Starks.
For Inspector of Election—J. M. Reilly.
For Auditor—Robert King.

Death of Geo. O. White.

From the Austin (Minn.) daily *Register* we glean the following in regard to the death of Geo. O. White, a former resident of this county, who died at Rochester, Minn.

Mr White served in the late war in Co. I First Regt. Rifles. He enlisted Aug. 31, 1861, and served three years during which time he participated in many important battles of which we mention the following: Fredricksburg, Wilderness and Gettysburg. He was honorably discharged at the expiration of his term of enlistment in Aug. 1864. He was born in McKean County, Pa., July 31st 1843. When he was 16 years of age, his parents moved to Ill. and settled in Winnebago county, where they lived for two years after which they moved to Winnebago county, Wis. He made his home there with them till 1859 when he returned to Pennsylvania where was employed as a clerk in a store. After his return from the war he joined his parents who had come to this county and settled in Red Rock township. His health had been impaired while in the service and he was not able to do hard work, so for a time he was engaged in selling fruit trees. In 1873 he went to Winnebago county Wis., where he was appointed Deputy Sheriff by his brother. He remained there two years, then he returned to Mower county and settled in Austin where he has since lived. He was joined in marriage in 1866 to Carrie Louisa Anderson. They have one son Fred.

Half-rate Tickets for Clergymen on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Pursuing the policy inaugurated last year the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is supplying regularly ordained ministers of the Gospel with clerical orders entitling the holders to tickets at half-rates over its entire system. These tickets are purchasable by any minister exhibiting a "clerical order," and they may be bought at any station on the Pennsylvania system, both east and west of Pittsburg, at one half the regular rates. Under this same arrangement clergymen can secure half-rates to Chicago during the World's Fair, and there can be no doubt that a great many of them will avail themselves of this opportunity. The inauguration of this liberal privilege by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company last year met with hearty appreciation at the hands of the ministers of all denominations, and its continuance this year will be especially well received by reason of the advantages it carries in connection with the World's Fair.

NOTICE !!

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Keating township that all taxes in said township for the year 1892, not paid by March 1st, 1893, will be collected by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the taxpayers, without delay after that date.

LORENZO CALLEY, COLLECTOR.
Smethport, Feby 8th, 1893.

[illegible] by the pastor, Rev. R. S. [illegible]. It was a very agreeable surprise to the members of the congregation, very few of whom knew anything about it. The gift is a noble one on the part of Mr. Hamlin, and is highly appreciated, not only by the members of the M. E. Church, but by the community generally.

To the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Smethport, Pa.

GENTLEMEN:—I offer to place in the hands of the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church of Smethport, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, to be held by them and their successors in office, in trust, that the same be securely invested on interest, the principal to remain as invested, and the interest used at the discretion of the trustees for the benefit of the congregation and Sunday school.

It is my hope that the ordinary expenses of sustaining the charge will be met from other sources, in order that the little revenue derived from this may be devoted to procuring some advantages not otherwise readily attainable.

I make this gift in memory of my beloved, deceased friends, Rev. Moses Crow, and his wife Jenette, who was my sister, both of whom were devoted and earnest laborers in your denomination. They rendered me aid in my youth which was invaluable.

This donation is to be kept distinct from other moneys of your organization, and be denominated the "Moses Crow Memorial Fund."

You are requested to pass a resolution of your Board of Trustees, formally accepting the trust, and to enter the same on your minutes, with a copy of this communication, to remain as a record of the purposes of the gift, and the abstract relating to it. Also a resolution appointing a person to receive the same. Whereupon, on being advised by receiving a copy of such resolutions, the money will be paid over as you may direct.

Yours respectfully,
BYRON D. HAMLIN.

The Corset.

There are many social and other abuses which to antagonize is not beneath the the dignity of journalism, nor can the opposer of them be classed among the cranks. The corset is almost as much of a curse to mankind as whiskey, and every father, husband and brother should denounce the use of it for the sake of future generations. Women think they are catering to masculine taste when they crowd their diaphram, heart and stomach, and other organs into about one third of the space designed by nature for the performance of the several functions, but a man of refined taste cannot admire them in that condition. Fancy Miriam, Ruth, the Queen of Sheba, Sappho, or Cleopatra squeezing into deformity the beauteous contours of their fair proportions. It is well for the Greek sculptor, Cleomenes that he had a Spartan or Athenian instead of an American woman, to pose for him when he perfected for the world his conception of Venus. The ancient Greek woman wore loose flowing garments and their sons were the most heroic specimens of physical manhood. The foreign women who emigrates to this country are not acquainted with the corset and are therefore ready for all kinds of heavy labor which they perform in the kitchen and out of doors while the American lady is in the library suffering from some nervous trouble or female weakness. The pelvis of the human female is designed for great strength and is not compatible with backaches or pains. These troubles should not exist, and the miserable corset must go.

Death of Moses Shattuck.

Moses Shattuck, an old resident and one of the oldest citizens of Keating township, died at the residence of his son in this borough, early Tuesday morning, aged 88 years.

Mr. Shattuck was born in Bakersfield, Vt., in the year 1805. In 1828 he moved to Erie Co., N. Y., and in 1853 came to this county. In 1860 he returned Erie county but came back here in 1866, locating on the farm in Keating township, on the east side of Potato creek, between the farms of Erastus Curtis and M. C. Stickles. There he continued to reside until within a few years when he moved to East Smethport. Mr. Shattuck was twice married, his first wife dying within a few years after her marriage. His second wife was Elizabeth J. Redfield to whom he was married in 1847, in Erie county, N. Y., the result of that union being a daughter, Leila, and Frank M., a resident of this place. Leila subsequently married Thos. Malone, a former proprietor of this paper, who died soon after their marriage. She died about 12 years ago. Moses Shattuck was very intelligent and a man of the strictest integrity. No man in this section of the county was held in higher esteem by his neighbors. The funeral services were held on Wednesday last at 2 P. M., Rev. Helms officiating. His remains were interred in Rose Hill cemetery.

Festival Number Vick's Floral Guide, 1893, is not a mere advertising dodge, but one of the finest works of the kind ever issued, and should be owned by every person in the land who has a foot of land to cultivate or is in any way interested in growing flowers or vegetables. Within beautifully illustrated and illuminated covers, showing the Pansy Sailors at work—

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Fresh milk cows from $20 to $35 Jersey and Durham, one span well matched three-year-old black mare colts $150, part trained, three pair black Minorca fowls throughly bred $1.75 per pair, two litters pigs 4 weeks old about the 30th March the others later on one peacock $3, one railroad dump cart and harness for same only used 30 days on railroad cart cost $40, harness $20 will sell both for $17 (nearly new.) A. E. STICKLES.

East Smethport, Pa.—2t

What am I to do?

This is the oft repeated expression of the weary sufferer with rheumatism, neuralgia, and other painful diseases. The whole human frame is tortured and racked with pain. It is well to remember that no known medicine equals Red Flag Oil for rheumatism, neuralgia, sprains and bruises. Price 25 cents at Frank R. Foster's Drug Store.

Wanted.

Agents to sell our choice and hardy Nursery stock. We have many special varieties, both in fruits and ornamentals to offer, which are controlled only by us. We pay commission or salary. Write us at once for terms, and secure choice of territory.

MAY BROTHERS, Nurserymen,
Rochester, N. Y.

O for an eye more clear to see,
A mind to grasp more [illegible],
[illegible]
That to the sick and despairing
I bring a positive cure.

Pan-Tina the great remedy for coughs and consumption, 25 and 50 cents. Sold at Frank R. Foster's Drug Store.

[illegible]

Mrs. Will Gifford, of King street, will accommodate a few more boarders, [illegible] preferred.

Every mother should have Arnica & Oil Liniment always in the house in case of accident from burns, scalds or bruises.

Small in size, great in results: DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Best pills for Constipation, best for sour stomach. They never gripe.

MUSICAL COLLEGE.—The Spring Term opens May 1st, in Vocal and Instrumental Music. For catalogues address Henry B. Moyer, Freeburg, Pa.

Something new in the line of collars. Gleason & Lemmler have just received what is termed a cork collar. Call in and examine it before purchasing elsewhere.

Nothing so distressing as a hacking cough. Nothing so foolish as to suffer from it. Nothing so dangerous if allowed to continue. One minute Cough Cure gives immediate relief.

How often we hear middle aged people say regarding that reliable old cough remedy, N. H. Downs' Elixir: "Why my mother gave it to me when I was a child, and I use it in my family; it cures." It is always guaranteed to cure or money refunded. For Sale by H. C. Wells.

A cold of unusual severity developed into a serious difficulty decidedly catarrhal in all its characteristics, threatening a return of my old malady, catarrh. One bottle of Ely's Cream Balm completely eradicated every symptom of that painful and prevailing disorder.—E. W. Warner, Rochester, N. Y.

Woman has been compelled to suffer, not only her own ills, but those arising from a want of knowledge on the part of those with whom she stands connected. In the mansions of the rich and hovels of the poor, woman has been alike the patient victim of ills unknown to man. But the hour of her redemption has come. Bradfield's Female Regulator cures all diseases peculiar to her sex. Sold by A. B. Armstrong.

Headache is the direct result of indigestion and stomach disorders. Remedy these by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, and your headache disappear's. The favorite little pills everywhere.

Sweet Breath, sweet stomach, sweet temper, all result from the use of DeWitts' Little Early Risers, the famous little pills.

Horses for Sale at a Sacrifice.

We have two teams of draught horses for which we have no work and will sell at a very low figure. Address or enquire

McDOWELL BROS.
63 Congress St., Bradford, Pa.

—Piles of people have piles, but DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will cure them. Sold by A. B. Armstrong.

Nobby Styles.

Is what we always carry in neckwear and you may be sure that you can get the correct thing at Ike Simons, 30 Main St., Bradford, Pa.

The wind from the north blows sharp and keen, and bad effects of colds are seen. One Minute Cough Cure so safe and sure, will quickly perfom a wonder cure.

To your Interest.

When in Bradford call on Ike Simons, for Fine Hats and furnishing goods. Honest goods at Honest prices is our motto, and one price for everybody. Ike Simons, 30 Main St., Bradford, Pa.

LITERARY NOTES.

WILD "POWDER PLAY" OF MOORISH HORSEMEN.

Returning along the dunes and beach one afternoon, after a muleback ride to the ruins of ancient Tingis, when within about a mile of the town, Selim who has been silently riding ahead, suddenly turned and pointing toward the city laconically exclaimed "Powder Play." Following the direction indicated, we perceive a score of horsemen careering down the beach like mad their horses scampering about like young dogs just unchained. In a moment they are close to us—they seem glued to their horses, so easily and gracefully do they ride—now leaning far over to one side, now throwing themselves backward, flat upon the horses croup—discharging their long old fashioned guns before them behind them, or into the air; now standing erect in the stirrups, brandishing the long ungainly weapons above their heads or tossing them into the air and grasping them again as they fall. Helter-skelter, pell mell, in "devil-catch the-hindmost" confusion—their horses, with outstretched necks and straining nerves, darting forward, lightly leaping gullies and obstructions or galloping in the shallow water of the surf. Suddenly turning, halting, swerving, and off and away again like a startled flock of wild geese—the long white burnooses of the riders fluttering violently in the wind. This is "play." What must be their "work" in heat of battle and hatred of war?—From "Spanish Light to Moorish Shadow," Alfred Jerome Weston, in the February *Scribner.*

Are You Going West?

Of Chicago? To points in Illinois, Iowa Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Northern Michigan, South or North Dakota, Colorado, California, Oregon or Washington. To any point West, North-West or South-West. Send for a new map of Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway system. Which is geographically correct. It with an appendix giving valuable information will be mailed free. Call on or address:

JOHN R. POTT,
District Passenger Agent,
Williamsport, Pa.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle of Electric Bitters and one box of Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold at Frank R. Foster's Drug Store.

NOTICE.

Those who are owing me are requested to call and settle their accounts at once, as I need the money. Promises will not pay for my purchases, consequently I must collect my bills. MRS. T. D. NASH.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 11th 1893 3t.

Pronounced Hopeless, Yet Saved.

From a letter written by Mrs. Ada E. Hurd of Groton, S. D., we quote: "Was taken with a bad cold, which settled on my Lungs, cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Saviour, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles; it has cured me and thank God I am now a well and hearty woman." Trial bottles at F. R. Foster's Drug store, regular size, 50c and $1.00.

Beef Wanted.

The subscribers are in the market for the purchase of dressed beef by the side or by the quarter at Palmerville near Clermont, Sergeant township.

A. PALMER & SON,
Palmerville, Jany. 17, 1893.

Happy and content is a home with "The Rochester," a lamp with the light of the morning. For catalogue, write Rochester Lamp Co. New York.

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The order in which the symptoms of chronic catarrh occur are nearly always as follows: A cold, which hangs on longer than usual; a constriction of air passages by which one catches cold easily; a continual settled cold in the head, throat or chest; discharges growing thicker and more offensive, loss of flesh, despondency, loss of appetite, headache or cough, and general lassitude. Now this is about the order in which the symptoms of chronic catarrh make their appearance, and if the sufferer is fortunate enough to find cure the symptoms will begin to disappear in exactly the reverse order. There may be at first no perceptible improvement in the earliest symptoms, while the latter symptoms show prompt improvement.

This is exactly what Pe-ru-na will do in the cure of chronic catarrh: It first invigorates the system, increases the appetite, then the patient begins to gain flesh, hope takes the place of despondency, and all the mischievous symptoms which the chronic catarrh has produced will disappear one by one in the reverse order of their appearance. The last symptoms to yield are often the ones which the patient expects to disappear first, but all should remember that the first to appear will be the last to disappear, while the last ones to appear are the first ones to disappear. Cures made in this way are permanent cures. A patient cured by Pe-ru-na is no more liable to catarrh than as if he had never had it.

A complete treatise on chronic catarrh in all its stages and complications will be sent free, on application by The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ohio.

The Bazaar
BRADFORD

Successful Sale.

Our ladies' muslin underwear sale has broken the record. Almost every lady that visited the Bazaar the past week—though with no intention of buying muslin underwear bought either a chemise, a drawer, night gown, skirt or corset cover, they know that they cannot buy the muslin for what we are selling the garment all ready made, and made in the best style at that.

Bleached and Unbleached Cottons.

For one week only we'll sell 50 pieces yard wide, unbleached cotton, standard quality, very heavy and fine, sold usually at 8c, for 5c a yd. 25 pieces fruit of the loom, sold usually at 18c for 8c yd. As we would like all our customers to have some of the cotton we shall limit the quantity to not more than 15 yards to each customer. Other cottons very cheap for one week.

THE BAZAAR
J. ELOSKEY.
Dry Goods, Cloak and Drapery

J. M. REILLY & CO.
UNDERTAKER.
SMETHPORT, PA.

In the store of the Smethport Furniture and Carpet Co.

A full and complete stock of coffins, caskets, burial robes, etc.

Particular attention given to embalming and all funeral arrangements.

Good Hearse furnished when required.

J. M. REILLY & CO.

Horses For Sale.

10 head good, sound, young horses—Workers and Drivers—All around general purpose stock at very favorable prices.

PALMER & CHURCH
Smethport, Pa., Feb. 10th, 1893.

Election Notice.

Whereas the Corporate Authorities of the Borough of Smethport have by vote determined to construct a Trunk Sewer along Water street in Borough provided the assent of the electors is given to the necessary increase of indebtedness as below set forth. Now notice is hereby given, That an Election will be held at the place for holding the municipal elections in said Borough, on Tuesday, February 21, 1893, for the purpose of a vote being taken on the question of the proposed increase of indebtedness, under the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, approved June, 1891, regulating the manner of increasing the indebtedness of municipalities.

Amount of the last assessed valuation of the said Borough.........$171,725 00
Amount of existing debt.........2,500 00
Amount of proposed increase.........6,000 00
Percentage of proposed increase 3-43 100 per cent.

W. D. GALLUP, Burgess.
ROBT. H. ROSE, Attorney Borough Council.

Garfield Tea Overcomes results of bad eating. [illegible]
Cures Constipation

[illegible]

M. A. WOODBURY,
41-43 Mechanic street, Bradford, Pa.
Our large line of samples has arrived.
Boys and girls Bicycles.........[illegible] upwards
Ladies Bicycles.........[illegible] upwards
Men's Bicycles.........[illegible] upwards
It will pay you to see these machines before buying.
Bargains in Second Hand Safeties.

VALUABLE FARMS
FOR SALE!

The Charles McKelvey farm of [illegible] acres adjoining, the County Poor Farm with good orchard, [illegible] never failing springs of pure water and pleasantly located.

Also about [illegible] acres known as the [illegible] place situated about a mile from the [illegible] farm. Water and improvements as of the McElwee farm.

Also about 40 acres a mile east of East Smethport, known as the Daniel [illegible] and considered within the oil belt, [illegible] than a mile from big gas wells [illegible] Allegany [illegible]

Terms to suit purchasers. Would exchange of village property. W. R. BROWNELL.

Central Pharmacy.
FRANK R. FOSTER,
DEALER IN
DRUGS AND MEDICINES,
Fancy Goods,
TOILET ARTICLES, &C
A FULL LINE OF
BOOKS AND STATIONERY.
Prescriptions Carefully Compounded,
FRANK R. FOSTER,
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Grand Central Hotel Building, Smethport

HOTTON BROS.
HOTTON BROS 196 BEST ROLLER PROCESS PORTVILLE, N.Y.

We make a reduction of
25 to 50 cents
per barrel in the price of
FLOUR.
Flour is cheaper than it has been in 20 years.
—:o:—
CHICKEN FEED
We have just unloaded 20 tons of wheat, and it is the best thing for Chicken feed that we have ever had.
—:o:—
Drop a postal card for samples and prices.
HOTTON BROS.,
PORTVILLE, N. Y.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOICE.

Estate of A. Peter Anderson, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LETters of Administration upon the estate of A. Peter Anderson, late of Foster township, McKean county, Pa., deceased, have been granted by the Register of said county to J. R. Goodenough, of New City, McKean county, Pa. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate will at once present the same.

J. R. GOODENOUGH,
1-27-6w. New City, Pa.

SPECIAL SALE FOR 30 DAYS
or to continue until all special sale goods are disposed of.

MILLINERY! MILLINERY!!

Trimmed and untrimmed hats and bonnets at half the original price. No mistake in this.

HOSIERY! HOSIERY!

Ladies' and children's fast black hose. Boy's Bicycle hose—extra heavy—all marked down.

Night Robes—splendid muslin—latest cut.

Woolen Blankets and Counterpanes.

The greatest bargains in towels ever known. Call and see them and judge for yourself.

ELEGANT DRESS GOODS MARKED DOWN.

Remnants in dress goods at exceedingly low prices.

Special counter room is given to the above stock, where you can inspect them and see they are immense bargains.

MRS. T. D. NASH.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 18, 1893.

We have [illegible] oxfords. Are you [illegible] those usually [illegible]
White Kid and Canvas Oxford [illegible]
Pearl Gray and Light Blue Oxon Walker [illegible]
Light Pink and Tan Oxon Slipper [illegible]
French Kid Strap Sandals in Bronze, [illegible]
Black Patent Leather Sandals
Ladies' Rome House Slippers, Red and Black

This is the latest out, high in front, back, elastic in sides and an ideal house slipper.

If you want a pair of shoes of any description send us an order, and if goods are not as you wished return them.

We offer this week 200 pairs of men's best grade Woonsocket Rubber Boots at $2.15, worth $2.50.

BLOODSWORTH & Co.,
Tower Shoe Store, Olean, N. Y.
(Mention this paper when ordering shoes.)

STICKNEY RITCHIE & CO.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

In this department we are prepared to furnish you with best makes at in the market. We are selling for gents fine wear the celebrated Douglass shoes, in all the new styles and colors for spring.

The ladies fine shoes are from the well known factory of Reynold Bros. Utica N. Y. which is a guarantee of both styles and prices.

Our line of school shoes for children in the kangaroo are positively the best thing money can buy, and will wear, and do wear better than any other childs shoe We have the Agency of the above lines of shoes, and a trial will convince you of their superior quality.

CARPETS.

You will want at least two or three new carpets this spring. We have just opened our spring assortment of carpets and effects are more beautiful than ever. Prices ranging from 20 cents per yard. Call and see our stock.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT.

Is always complete, we have a new fresh stock of everything in this line, and by buying and selling for cash we are enabled to give you rock bottom prices.

Our other Departments are filled as usual with the best in the market.

Empire Flour $1 per sack, Northern Light $1.10, Acme Patent $1.30, per sack.

STICKNEY, RITCHIE & CO.

It has been truthfully said,

"IT PAYS TO BUY FOR CASH."

It has also been clearly demonstrated

"IT PAYS TO SELL FOR CASH."

These facts have been taught me by the best of all teachers, "EXPERIENCE."

I cannot afford to make my customers pay for a whole page of advertising in this valuable paper, so will speak my little piece in a small one column ad, which I trust is sufficient to point the public in the right direction to

SAVE :- MONEY
By Buying for Cash at
D. C. YOUNG'S.

I have recently spent several days in New York carefully considering the wants of my many customers I have now in stock a complete variety of articles, both useful and ornamental, suitable for

HOLIDAY PRESENTS
for a man, woman or child.

I will for the next 365 days, commencing to day, Dec 1st, 1892, give a genuine bargain for every $1, $5 $10 or $15 purchase made at my store. Remember this opportunity remains open for one year at least, subject to change for the better without further notice. We [illegible] samples on exhibition, but the genuine articles. We continue to show goods regardless of trouble.

I have already had a call from Santa Claus, and am now ready for a call from you. I also have a

GROCERY DEPARTMENT
and keep the best. Respectfully
D. C. YOUNG,
Smethport, Pa., Dec., 1892. Cor. Main and Union Streets.

[illegible] WHITE [illegible] OIL [illegible] 50 cents per bottle, [illegible] prepaid, on receipt of price. Put on the [illegible] only by the
WHITE ROCK OIL CO., Toledo, O.

For sale by F. R. FOSTER.

BANKRUPT -:- SALE!

Bankrupt, -:- Bankrupt

[illegible] of Clothing, Gents' Furnishings, Hats, [illegible] Trunks and Valises, which

[illegible]st Be Closed Out In 30 Days!

[illegible] any price. Now is the chance to get your Winter

CLOTHING

[illegible] yourself and children for a little money.

[illegible] lose your chance but buy while the fire is [illegible]. Rather than move the goods we will give [illegible] people a chance.

All Goods Regardless of Cost!

The "Live Clothier's" Old Stand,

[illegible] Building. SMETHPORT, PA.

Your Favorite Home Newspaper

— AND —

The Leading Republican Paper of the United States.

ONE YEAR FOR ONLY $1.25

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[illegible] all the news of Town, County and State, and as much National news as any other paper of [illegible]

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[illegible] NATIONAL FAMILY PAPER, and gives all the general news of the United States and [illegible] the events of foreign lands in a nutshell. It has separate departments for [illegible] "FAMILY CIRCLE," and "OUR YOUNG FOLKS." Its "HOME AND SOCIETY" col[illegible] the admiration of wives and daughters. Its general political news, editorials [illegible] are comprehensive, brilliant and exhaustive. Its "AGRICULTURAL" depart[illegible] no superior in the country. Its "MARKET REPORTS" are recognized authority in [illegible] parts of the land.

A SPECIAL CONTRACT enables us to offer this splendid journal and "THE MINER for [illegible]

For only $1.25, cash in advance.

New York Weekly Tribune, regular price per year	$1 00
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Total.	$2,50

WE FURNISH BOTH PAPERS ONE YEAR FOR - $1.25.

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L. ROGERS & SON,
SMETHPORT, PA.

LOOK -:- HERE.

Read and Be Wise!

On and after April 15, 189[illegible] the undersigned will give every cash customer trading at his store to the amount of $25,00, their choice of one of the following beautiful articles of Silverware free of charge

Plated Sugar Bowl,	Silver Plate Pickle Dish
Silver Plated Butter Dish,	Set Silver Plated Knives
Silver Plated Cream Pitcher,	Set Silver Plated Forks.
Silver Plated Spoon Holder.	

And an article for each additional $25 00 for a period of from six months to one year, thus giving each one of my customers a chance to secure a whole set of Silverware without costing them a penny. All goods are sold as cheap as the market will allow. Remember the place, corner of Mechanic and Mill streets.

P. D. HOPKINS,

Smethport, Pa., April 11, 1892.

V. KLAPPENBACH,

MERCHANT -:- TAILOR,

Cor. King and Fulton Sts.,

SMETHPORT, PA.,

Keeps an assortment of English and French goods on hand from which to select. Suits will be made up in the latest and most approved Styles, and cutire

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

DO YOU [illegible]VER EAT?

IF SO GO TO

G. W. WILLIAMS & SON,

SMETHPORT, PA.

Where you will always find a full stock of

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FRUITS, VEGETABLES,

[illegible]OCERIES & PROVISIONS,

[illegible], Corn, Oats, Middlings, &c., A Specialty.

Good [illegible]
Do you keep Dr. [illegible]
Certain Croup Cure
IN THE HOUSE?

[illegible] Coughs, Colds and Congestive [illegible] Whooping Cough and Asthma. [illegible] it has no equal. It does not contain [illegible] any form. It does not nauseate. [illegible] or Money Refunded.
[illegible] C. C. C. CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.

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Harrisburg will be an unusually important point the coming year. The session of the legislature, the election of a successor to Quay, a Republican legislature confronted by a Democratic administration, all tend to draw the public eye to the capital. The Patriot will give most complete reports of all these interesting proceedings.

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C. A. BURDICK

General Insurance Agency,

SMETHPORT, PA.

The following first-class companies represented.

North America, Philadelphia	[illegible]
Franklin, Philadelphia	[illegible]
Pennsylvania Fire, Philadelphia	[illegible]
County, Philadelphia	[illegible]
Hanover, New York	[illegible]
Ins. Fire, London, U. S. Branch	[illegible]
Royal, London	[illegible]
Commercial Union, London	[illegible]

LIFE INSURANCE.

Mutual Life, New York	[illegible]
Travelers Accident, Hartford	[illegible]

Also agency for the sale of first-class

Pianos, Organs

BANJOS

— AND —

SEWING MACHINES,

All sold for cash or on installments. Orders by mail promptly attended to and correspondence solicited

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DRUGS.

Patent Medicines,

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DRUGGISTS' -:- SUNDRIES.

Prescriptions promptly filled.

H. C WELLS, - Smethport, Pa.

WANTED AGENTS, local and traveling, at once, to sell Ornamental Trees, Roses, Shrubs and Fruits. No experience necessary. Salary and expenses paid weekly. Permanent position. Must furnish references as to good character. CHARLES H. CHASE, Rochester, N. Y. Mention this paper.

CURE THAT

Cold

AND STOP THAT

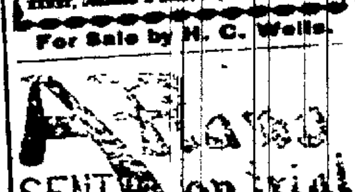
Cough.

N. H. Downs' Elixir

WILL DO IT.

Price, 25c., 50c., and $1.00 per bottle. Warranted. Sold everywhere.
HENRY, JOHNSON & LORD, Props., Burlington, Vt.

For Sale by H. C. Wells.



WE PAY FREIGHT
If you do not keep it.
We think you will keep it.
It pleases everybody.
It is an *honest* piano.
It is the WING Piano.

You may have a preference for some other make. Still you are a reasoning creature, and open to conviction, no doubt.

The question is too important to be settled without due thought. *Years* of satisfaction or of regret come with a piano. Does it *wear* well? The WING Piano does. "Look before you leap."

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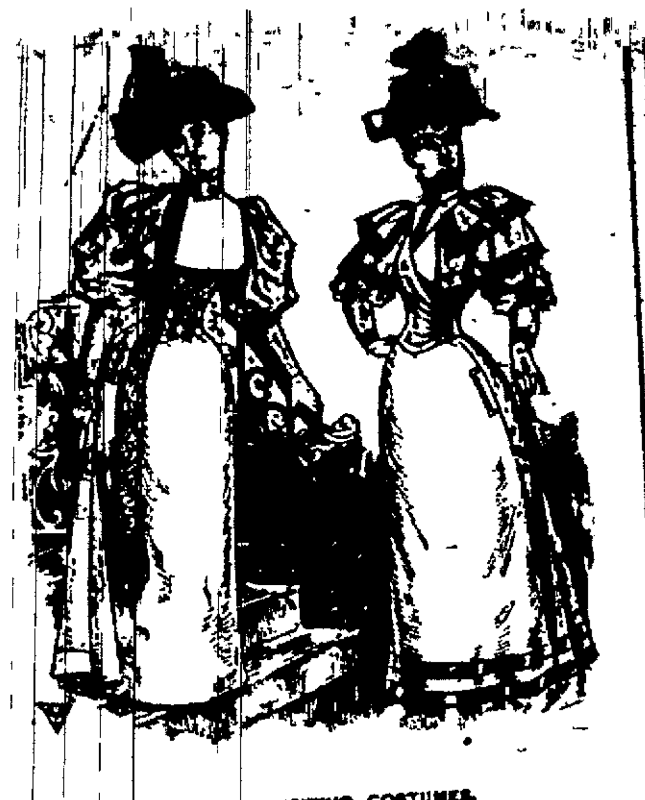

STYLISH VISITING COSTUMES.

A visiting costume for a slim figure is shown on the left. It is made of cloth or rich black satin, the corselet and [illegible] trimming being of embroidered velvet; the balloon sleeves may be of velvet, if preferred, whether the gown be of cloth or satin. The hat is adorned with ribbon bows and wings. The other toilet is of cloth, trimmed with satin ribbon to match or in darker shade; silver buckle. Hat of black velvet, ornamented with ribbon and black plumes.

THE HIDDEN CITY.

By WALTER H. M'DOUGALL.

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In a second he had fired at the hand, but missed his aim. Jan-ila awoke with a startled yell and stood dazed for a moment, then rushed to the window. No one was in sight, but a minute later people began to emerge upon the housetops and peer about. Others hurried to Eric's dwelling to ascertain the meaning of Quetzal's thunder. All joined in the search for the wretch who had attempted his life, but he had left no trace. The circumstance put Eric upon his guard. He realized that the enemy was willing to resort to the sternest means to accomplish their end, and he once more put on his belt and holster and carried his revolver wherever he went.

This attempt upon his life, however, was adroitly used to Chalpa's disadvantage, for he alone was known to be inimical to Eric, and the election which took place two days later was lost to him by only twenty-two votes. The priests and the heads of families alone voted, and the latter were largely influenced by the dastardly attack upon Eric's life—placing it entirely to Chalpa's account.

The latter gave no sign of the rage that consumed him, but smiled as craftily as ever when the votes were counted. He congratulated Kulcan with the suavity of an Italian diplomat, for he had not played his last card and he was now resolved upon a desperate measure. He now knew the strength of his party and the stuff of which his partisans were made, and in another week he would rid himself of the principal obstacles and come out triumphant. Another week and the Feast of the Katun would be held. He alone knew the name of the doomed maiden whose life would go out that week as a sacrifice to the god of centuries. On the morrow he would announce it, and he felt the thrill of horror which would creep over the city when the name was heard.

That same morning Jan-ila arising and going forth for a matutinal plunge found a roll of cotton cloth upon the doorsill. It contained a white stone, with these words upon it:

Thou art cold, and knowest they have chosen Lela for the sacrifice. Waken and spare not.

He hurried back to Eric, and the reading of the words gave the latter a shock which unmanned him for several minutes as their dire meaning crept fully upon his mind. He sent for Iklapel and Kulcan. The younger priest was horrified and amazed.

"Could he dare?" he cried. "The fiend! To wreak such a revenge! I cannot believe that he would do such an act. Even he reckless and cruel as he is, would hesitate to bring such a thing to pass. Has he lost his senses?"

"What do you mean?" asked Eric. "Of whom are you speaking?"

"Chalpa, the head of the council, he who casts the lots and decides the fatal dice throwing! Chalpa the cheat and liar!" cried Kulcan, throwing his arms up wildly. "I fear him not, the scoundrelly assassin!"

Iklapel peered at the youth under his shaggy eyebrows, the fire in his dark eyes blazing somber and low.

"Does my brother believe that Chalpa can cheat, that he would dare to deceive the other two judges, the whole city and Quetzal?"

"Can cheat? Dare?" cried Kulcan. "He can, and he dare, and I will face him with the charge! My sister shall not be the sacrifice!"

"No," said Eric quietly, "she shall not, even if Chalpa has to be taken off to check his too pious zeal. I don't want to kill him, but I certainly shall if he resolves to sacrifice her."

"You are right," said the old priest. "What can we do?"

"We must get Lela here and keep her until we can arrange matters," Eric replied. "She must come tonight, for she will be safe here. I could defend this house, with Kulcan and Jan's help, against a thousand Atzlans."

"We will go for her at once," cried Kulcan excitedly. "Come, Jan-ila!"

"No, not now—not in daylight—they will suspect!" cried Iklapel. "We must prevent an open conflict, we must win by peaceful means if possible, unless he makes the announcement this afternoon. In that case we must resort to extreme measures."

They dispersed. Eric and Jan-ila immediately prepared for a siege, filling the windows with slabs of stone to resist arrows, and provided food and water enough for several days' use. Iklapel stationed himself at the temple to send the news if the announcement was made, while Kulcan guarded Lela.

At sunset Iklapel's messenger came. Chalpa had announced that Lela was to be the Katun sacrifice—the news was in everybody's mouth. Eric sent Jan-ila to Lela at once and kept guard at the house. His pistol was in his holster at his belt, his rifle in the large room, while several arms and spears—sharp and keen steel—lay ready for Kulcan and Jan-ila.

It grew darker, and they did not appear. The city was strangely silent. He could hear none of the usual evening sounds. A deep, solemn hush hung over all, and the splashing of the river against the bowlders came clear to his ears in the falling shadow. He stepped outside and stood before the door, and his tall figure was outlined darkly against the light within. He had almost resolved to desert his post when he descried two figures approaching, one of them apparently Iklapel. He walked toward them, and noticing that their blankets almost covered their heads stopped short and peered into their faces as they came up to him.

The stooping figure, so like Iklapel in its mimicry, straightened up before him suddenly, and at the same instant he was seized from behind in a viselike grip and thrown to the ground. He struggled to release his arms and draw his revolver, but his assailants had increased in numbers. A gag was forced into his mouth, and his arms were bound behind him. He was allowed to lie there for a moment, and then they raised him to his feet. He saw that he was surrounded by a number of men in priests' robes, but it was too dark to recognize any of them. He looked in vain for Chalpa's face, but the priest was not visible. One of the band went into his house, and bringing forth the candle led the way into the pinon orchards, the rest following with Eric, who, resisting sullenly in unavailing self censure, was carried bodily.

They hurried him along, as though fearing pursuit, through the orchards, along the river again until they came to the ancient burial place, where they halted a moment to be joined by Chalpa. His black eyes gleamed in fierce joy as he leaned over Eric and smiled his cruelest smile, so full of hate and fiendish satisfaction that it chilled his captive's heart for a moment.

"Ah, our pale Quetzal has lost his power! Why does he not strike his servant dead with his eyes? Where is his strength now? If he be a god, let him now save himself. See," he said, turning to his fellow priests. "See the sick, weak god, how he lies there pale and feeble! Why does he not call forth his thunder and strike us dead?"

"Show us now thy mighty magic, O wonder worker," cried another, "before we entomb thee forever!"

"He does not answer," added Chalpa in mock pity. "He is silent before his servants. Speak, O doer of strange deeds, and speak thy last, for silenced you will be for[illegible] this night."

Eric made no attempt to speak, knowing that the effort would but provoke their derision, and they raised him again, carrying him to a ruined mass of ancient tombs. Here they placed him, and while one held the flickering light the others removed several flat stones revealing an opening large enough to admit a man. Into this they crawled, one after another, and pushed Gilbert feet first, into what he found to be a great square passageway choked with debris. One man remained on guard at the entrance, the rest followed the light in Chalpa's hand down the inclined passage.

The air was cool in the passage, but not damp and the light flickered now and then as they proceeded. He noticed several branching passages, but his bearers followed the main one until they came to its lowest depth, where it seemed to ascend beyond to a still farther distance. Here they laid him down and drew back—all but Chalpa—who, standing over him with a scowl of hate, addressed him, holding the light close to his face.

"Fool to think to outwit Chalpa, the rattlesnake, the wily serpent! Know you not how many men have died who crossed the rattlesnake's path? Their bones are whitening in secret places, their homes know them no more, their memory even is faded and gone—even as yours will be—for Kinchahan, our god, loves his servant and hates all false gods, therefore I leave you to him here in the darkness. Listen and you will hear the river running overhead, we are now beneath its bed. You will have time to listen to its voice and be lulled to sleep. No one will disturb your dreams this night, O false god, for here man never comes. You will sleep the sleep that comes to all who anger Chalcu, the dread one."

With one last bitter glance of hatred Chalpa left him. Eric saw the light grow dim as his captors went up and along the tunnel, and then it disappeared. When the footfalls ceased he heard the solemn sound above him, which told him that the river rolled close over his head. He realized that he was in one of the most ancient of the crypts of which Iklapel had informed him, so old that it had been forgotten long ages ago.

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